

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**CTI BioPharma Corp.**

**(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on June 5, 2020.**

**CTI BIOPHARMA CORP.**



**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** April 13, 2020  
**Date:** June 5, 2020    **Time:** 10:00 A.M. Pacific Time  
**Location:** Meeting live via the Internet - please visit  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CTIC2020](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CTIC2020)

The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CTIC2020](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CTIC2020) and be sure to have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → **XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX** (located on the following page).

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain  
proxy materials and voting instructions.**

— **Before You Vote** —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      2. 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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- 1) **BY INTERNET:**      [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 22, 2020 to facilitate timely delivery.

— **How To Vote** —

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote By Internet:**

*Before The Meeting:*

Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

*During The Meeting:*

Go to [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CTIC2020](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CTIC2020). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

## Voting Items

### The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following nominees:

1. To elect directors to the Company's Board of Directors to serve until the 2021 annual meeting of stockholders.

#### Nominees:

- 1a. Adam R. Craig, M.D., Ph.D.
- 1b. Laurent Fischer, M.D.
- 1c. Michael A. Metzger
- 1d. David Parkinson, M.D.
- 1e. Matthew D. Perry
- 1f. Reed V. Tuckson, M.D., F.A.C.P.

### The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:

2. To approve an amendment to our certificate of incorporation to increase the total number of authorized shares from 131,533,333 to 166,533,333 and to increase the total number of authorized shares of our common stock from 131,500,000 to 166,500,000;
3. To approve an increase of 5,100,000 shares reserved for issuance pursuant to our Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan;
4. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020;
5. To approve, by non-binding advisory vote, the compensation of our named executive officers;
6. To approve the adjournment of the annual meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the annual meeting to adopt any of the foregoing proposals.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments and postponements thereof.

