

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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- ☐ Preliminary Proxy Statement  
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**ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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# Your Vote Counts!

## ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP

2021 Annual Meeting  
May 25, 2021

**Vote Now!**

You are receiving this email because either the company has supplied additional information for your review or we have not yet received your voting instructions. If you have already voted and do not wish to change your instructions, there is no need to resubmit your vote.

As an investor in this security, you have the right to vote on important issues.

**Make your voice heard now!**

Vote Common Shares by:  
May 24, 2021

Control Number:  
0123456789012345

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ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP COMMON	123,456,789,012.00000
ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE RESTRICTED	123,456,789,012.00000
ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP	123,456,789,012.00000
ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP	123,456,789,012.00000
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Important Materials: [Proxy Statement](#) [Annual Report](#)

Attend the Virtual  
**Meeting**

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For holders as of March 26, 2021



## Why Should I Vote?

Make your voice heard on critical issues like board elections and executive compensation. The outcome of the vote can affect the value of your shares.



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