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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**THE SPECIAL MEETING IS JUST DAYS AWAY**  
**PLEASE VOTE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD TODAY**

May 8, 2018

Dear Stockholder:

The Special Meeting of Stockholders of Ares Capital Corporation is less than one week away and we have not yet received your voting instructions for the Special Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, 2018. **Your vote is extremely important, no matter how many shares you hold. If we do not receive your vote, we may have to adjourn and continue to request stockholder participation to reach a required quorum.**

For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, dated March 27, 2018, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **“FOR”** the proposal. **Please understand that it is critical that we receive your vote so that we may complete the business of the Special Meeting of Stockholders.**

**Using the control number provided on the enclosed proxy card, please vote via the internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) as soon as possible.**

If you need assistance voting your shares, please call D.F. King toll-free at (866) 796-7186 or collect at (212) 269-5550. On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Arougheti".

Michael J Arougheti  
*Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bennett Rosenthal".

Bennett Rosenthal  
*Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors*

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