

Notice of Exempt Solicitation Pursuant to Rule 14a-103  
Name of Registrant: Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (CDNS)  
Title: Director Ita Brennan has earned against votes  
Meeting Date: May 7, 2026  
Name of person relying on exemption: John Chevedden, CDNS  
Shareholder since 2017  
Address of persons relying on exemption: POB 2673, Redondo  
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These written materials are submitted pursuant to Rule 14a-6(g)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. John Chevedden does not beneficially own more than \$5 million of the class of subject securities, and this notice of exempt solicitation is therefore being provided on a voluntary basis.

This is not a solicitation of authority to vote your proxy. Please DO NOT send me your proxy card; the shareholder is not able to vote your proxies, nor does this communication contemplate such an event.

The shareholder asks all shareholders to vote by following the procedural instructions provided in the proxy materials.

**The Chair of the Cadence Design Systems (CDNS)  
Governance Committee, Ita Brennan, deserves against votes**

Ms. Ita Brennan is ultimately responsible for CDNS shareholders not having the ability to vote on improving the dismal Political Spending Disclosure at CDNS.

CDNS could be named to a 2026 Hall of Shame list of

companies taking blatant advantage of a new Securities and Exchange Commission policy. CDNS took advantage of the new Securities and Exchange Commission policy of giving free ride letters in as fast as 2-days to any company that submits a one-sentence excuse for not including a shareholder proposal in its 2026 annual meeting proxy.

Shareholders at more than 100 companies have voted on the Political Spending Discloser proposal topic for more than a decade. Preventing CDNS shareholders from voting on this important topic is worse because this same proposal won 44% support at the 2025 CDNS annual meeting.

CDNS deserved this proposal in 2026 because CDNS still scored a dismal 24% out of a possible 100% in the CPA-Zicklin Index of Corporate Political Disclosure and Accountability <<https://www.politicalaccountability.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-CPA-Zicklin-Index.pdf>> in late 2025.

As a follow-up to this 44% shareholder vote in 2025 a well-governed company would have at least taken steps to move well beyond such a dismal 24% score.

Ms. Brennan was asked to reconsider the CDNS exclusion of the 2026 proposal in a March 1, 2026 letter. There was no reply. This is worse because Ms. Brennan at age 59 does not seem to have a day job and thus seems to have the time for a reply.