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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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On March 27, 2017, Sarissa Capital Management LP, together with the other Participants (as defined below), issued the following press release in connection with its solicitation of proxies for the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders of Innoviva, Inc. The Participants also posted the press release to www.dfking.com/INVA:

**SARISSA CAPITAL FILES PRESENTATION IN PROXY CONTEST WITH INNOVIVA
HIGHLIGHTING INNOVIVA S LACK OF SHAREHOLDER FOCUS AND
POOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Sarissa believes that Innoviva is being run for the benefit of management instead of shareholders

Sarissa fears Innoviva will not be good stewards of future shareholder capital

Innoviva is fraught with poor corporate governance and its nomination process is deeply flawed

Greenwich, CT, March 27, 2017 Sarissa Capital Management LP (Sarissa) announced today that it filed a presentation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) in connection with its intent to nominate a minority slate to the Board of Directors of Innoviva, Inc. (NASDAQ: INVA) (Innoviva) at its 2017 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on April 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. EDT in Philadelphia, PA. The presentation is available on the SEC s website at <http://www.sec.gov> or on the website maintained by D.F. King & Co., Inc. at <http://www.dfking.com/INVA>.

Sarissa s presentation highlights the following:

Innoviva claims that cost cutting has limited upside misses the point. Innoviva oversees an extremely large amount of shareholder capital, every dollar of which must be utilized in a manner that enhances shareholder value. Sarissa strongly believes that Innoviva must learn that shareholder capital must be optimized for the benefit of shareholders instead of management.

Sarissa is concerned that Innoviva tries to justify its expenditures by comparing itself to far more complex companies, as its closest peers. Unlike those closest peers , Innoviva simply collects royalties from two drugs that one partner markets and sells. Is Innoviva trying to mislead us or do they aspire to use shareholder assets to become far more complex?

Sarissa believes that Innoviva suffers from extremely poor corporate governance and that Innoviva really does not want constructive dialogue. The CEO has dominated the entire nomination process and Sarissa has still not met with any of the independent directors. In spite of this, the Board already determined to reject all Sarissa nominees.

INNOVIVA DOES NOT MARKET OR SELL ANY DRUGS. IT JUST COLLECTS ROYALTY

PAYMENTS. SO WHY IS IT SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY AND WHY IS MANAGEMENT BEING PAID

SO MUCH? IT IS TIME FOR INNOVIVA TO BE OPTIMIZED FOR SHAREHOLDERS.

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Time is of the essence. We urge you to VOTE THE GOLD PROXY CARD to help us deliver the necessary change to Innoviva. It is important that you submit your GOLD proxy card AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Importantly, if you receive a white card from Innoviva, DO NOT return it, just discard it. Returning a white card, even if you withhold on Innoviva's nominees, will not be a vote for the Sarissa nominees, and it would revoke any vote you previously submitted on the GOLD CARD.

PLEASE VOTE NOW by signing, dating and returning the GOLD proxy card. You may also vote by phone or internet by following the instructions on the THE GOLD PROXY CARD. If you have any questions regarding your GOLD proxy card or need assistance in executing your proxy, please contact our proxy solicitor, D.F. King & Co., Inc. by telephone at the following numbers: stockholders call toll free: (800) 549 6746 and banks and brokerage firms call: (212) 269 5550, or through the internet at www.dfking.com/INVA.

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CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARTICIPANTS

ON MARCH 22, 2017, SARISSA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP (SARISSA), TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN SARISSA S PROXY SOLICITATION (THE PARTICIPANTS), FILED A DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING GOLD PROXY CARD WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE SEC) TO BE USED TO SOLICIT PROXIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF INNOVIVA, INC. (THE COMPANY). STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FROM THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PARTICIPANTS. THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND A FORM OF PROXY IS AVAILABLE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY AT NO CHARGE AT THE SEC S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV. THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND A FORM OF PROXY IS ALSO AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING SARISSA S PROXY SOLICITOR, D.F. KING & CO., INC., BY TELEPHONE AT THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS: STOCKHOLDERS CALL TOLL FREE: (800) 549 6746 AND BANKS AND BROKERAGE FIRMS CALL: (212) 269 5550, OR THROUGH THE INTERNET AT WWW.DFKING.COM/INVA

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