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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS June 10, 2016

The annual meeting of stockholders of One Liberty Properties, Inc. will be held at our offices, located at Suite 303, 60 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck, NY, on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., local time. We are holding the meeting for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect four directors to hold office for a term expiring in 2019;
- 2. To consider and vote on a proposal to approve the One Liberty Properties, Inc. 2016 Incentive Plan;
- 3. To consider and vote on a proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2016; and
- 4. To transact any other business properly brought before the meeting.

Holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on April 15, 2016 are entitled to notice of the annual meeting and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting. To assure that your vote will be counted, please complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it in the enclosed prepaid envelope, whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. Most stockholders can also vote by telephone or via the internet. Telephone and internet voting information is provided on the accompanying proxy card. Your proxy may be revoked in the manner described in the accompanying proxy statement at any time before it has been voted at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Mark H. Lundy, Secretary

Dated: April 18, 2016

We urge each stockholder to promptly sign and return the enclosed proxy card or use telephone or internet voting. See our questions and answers about the meeting for information about voting by telephone or internet, how to revoke a proxy, and how to vote shares in person.

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## **ONE LIBERTY PROPERTIES, INC.**

# **PROXY STATEMENT**

### GENERAL

Our board of directors is furnishing you with this proxy statement to solicit proxies on its behalf to be voted at the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders of One Liberty Properties, Inc. The meeting will be held at our offices, 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 303, Great Neck, NY 11021 on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., local time. The proxies will be voted at the meeting and may also be voted at any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.

All properly executed proxy cards, and all properly completed proxies submitted by telephone or by the internet, that are delivered pursuant to this solicitation, will be voted at the meeting in accordance with your directions, unless the proxy is revoked before the meeting.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MEETING AND VOTING

#### What is the purpose of the annual meeting?

At our annual meeting, stockholders will vote on the following matters:

- election of four directors (Joseph A. Amato, Jeffrey A. Gould, Matthew J. Gould and J. Robert Lovejoy) to hold office until the 2019 annual meeting and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualify;
- Approval of our 2016 Incentive Plan;
- ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2016; and
- such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

## Who is entitled to vote?

We are mailing this proxy statement on or about April 22, 2016 to our stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 15, 2016. The record date was established by our board of directors. Stockholders as of the close of business on the record date of April 15, 2016 are entitled to receive notice of and to vote their shares at the meeting. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote. As of the record date, 17,148,686 shares of our common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting.

#### How do I vote?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Co., LLC, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares and the proxy card was sent directly to you by us. In that case, you may instruct the proxy holders named in the proxy card how to vote your shares of common stock in one of the following ways:

- *Vote online*. You may vote online at <u>www.voteproxy.com</u>. To vote online, you must have your control number provided in the proxy card.
- *Vote by telephone.* You may vote by telephone by calling 1-800-PROXIES (1-800-776-9437). To vote by telephone, you must have the control number provided in your proxy card.
- *Vote by regular mail.* If you would like to vote by mail, please mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it promptly in the postage-paid envelope provided.
- *Vote by attending the meeting in person.*

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Proxies submitted over the internet, by telephone or by mail must be received by 11:59 p.m. New York City time, on June 9, 2016. If you vote by telephone or via the internet, it is not necessary to return your proxy card.

If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, and a voting instruction form was forwarded to you by that organization. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to instruct that organization on how to vote the shares held in your account. You should instruct your broker or nominee how to vote your shares by following the voting instructions provided by your broker or nominee. If you wish to vote in person at the annual meeting, you must contact the broker or nominee to obtain evidence of your ownership of our common stock as of the record date.

#### How will my shares be voted?

If you do not mark any selections but return the signed proxy card, your shares will be voted by the proxies named on the proxy card in favor of the four nominees for election as directors, in favor of the 2016 Incentive Plan, in favor of the proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2016, and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion with respect to other matters that properly come before the meeting.

If you wish to name as a proxy someone other than the proxies named on the proxy card, you may do so by crossing out the name of the designated proxies and inserting the name of another person. In that case, it will be necessary to sign the proxy card and deliver it to the person so named and for the person so named to be present at and vote at the meeting. Proxy cards so marked should not be mailed to us or to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC.

#### Who will count the vote?

A representative of our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC, will tabulate the votes and act as inspector of elections.

#### Can I revoke my proxy before it is exercised?

If you hold stock directly in your name, you may revoke a proxy at any time before it is voted at the annual meeting with a later dated, properly executed proxy (including an internet or telephone vote), or a written revocation delivered to our Secretary. The proxy holders powers may also be suspended if you attend the meeting and notify our Secretary at the meeting that you would like to change your vote or vote in person. If your stock is held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you must contact such nominee and comply with the nominee s procedures if you want to revoke or change the instructions that you previously provided to the nominee. Attendance at the meeting will not by itself automatically revoke a previously granted proxy.

#### What constitutes a quorum?

A quorum is the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders holding a majority of shares entitled to vote at the meeting. To constitute a quorum, at least 8,574,344 shares must be present in person or by proxy at the meeting. Generally, action cannot be taken at the meeting unless a quorum is present.

#### Is my vote important?

Yes. Under applicable rules, brokers, banks and other nominees are prohibited from voting shares held in street name on matters pertaining to the election of directors unless the client specifically instructs his or her nominee to vote their shares. Shares held in street name and for which voting instructions are not provided and accordingly, as to which

bank, brokers and other nominees do not have discretionary authority to vote on their clients behalf, are referred to broker non-votes. Because broker non-votes will have the effect of a vote against the election of the directors identified herein as standing for election, it is very important that you vote your shares.

#### How many votes does it take to approve the items to be voted upon?

The vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at the meeting is necessary for the election of each director standing for election. Accordingly abstentions and broker non-votes will have the effect of a vote against the election of such director.

The vote of a majority of the shares cast at the meeting is necessary for the approval of the 2016 Incentive Plan. Accordingly abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect with respect to the adoption of this proposal.

#### Who is soliciting my vote and who pays the cost?

Our board of directors is soliciting votes for the meeting and we will pay the entire cost of the solicitation, including preparing and mailing this proxy statement. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail and through our and our affiliates employees, we will request banks, brokers, custodians, nominees and other record holders to forward copies of the proxy statement and other soliciting materials to persons for whom they hold shares and to request authority for the exercise of proxies. We will reimburse such record holders for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in forwarding proxies and proxy materials to stockholders. We have retained DF King for a fee of \$5,000, plus reasonable expenses, to aid in the solicitation of proxies from our stockholders. To the extent necessary to ensure sufficient representation at the meeting, we or our proxy solicitor may solicit the return of proxies by personal interview, mail, telephone, facsimile, internet or other means of electronic transmission. The extent to which this will be necessary depends upon how promptly proxies are returned. We urge you to send in your proxy without delay.

# What is householding?

We are sending only one proxy statement to eligible stockholders who share a single address, unless we have received instructions to the contrary from any stockholder at that address. This practice, known as householding, is designed to reduce our printing and postage costs. However, if a stockholder of record residing at such an address wishes to receive a separate annual report or proxy statement, he or she may request it orally or in writing by contacting us at One Liberty Properties, Inc., 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 303, Great Neck, NY 11021, Attention: Investor Relations, by emailing us at investorrelations@11iberty.com, or by calling us at 516-466-3100, and we will promptly deliver to the stockholder the requested annual report or proxy statement. If a stockholder of record residing at such an address wishes to receive a separate annual report or proxy statement in the future, he or she may contact us in the same manner. If you are an eligible stockholder of record receiving multiple copies of our annual report and proxy statement, you can request householding by contacting us in the same manner. If you own your shares through a bank, broker or other nominee, you can request householding by contacting the nominee.

#### When are stockholder proposals due for the 2017 Annual Meeting?

If a stockholder wants a proposal to be included in our proxy statement for the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, the proposal, in writing and addressed to our Secretary, must be received by us no later than December 23, 2016. Upon timely receipt of any such proposal, we will determine whether or not to include such proposal in the proxy statement in accordance with applicable regulations governing the solicitation of proxies.

For any proposal that is not submitted for inclusion in next year s proxy statement, but is instead intended to be presented directly at the 2017 annual meeting, rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission permit us to exercise discretionary voting authority to the extent conferred by proxy if we:

• receive notice of the proposal before March 8, 2017, and advise stockholders in the proxy statement for our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders of the nature of the proposal and how management intends to vote on

such matter; or

• do not receive notice of the proposal before March 8, 2017.

Notices of intention to present proposals at our 2017 annual meeting should be submitted in writing and addressed to our Secretary.

#### What other information about us is available?

Stockholders can call (516) 466-3100 or write to us at 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 303, Great Neck, NY 11021, Attention: Secretary, to request a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K. This and other important information about us is also available on our web site which is located at *www.onelibertyproperties.com*. Our Annual Report to Stockholders for 2015 accompanies this proxy statement.

# **GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY**

## General

Pursuant to the Maryland General Corporation Law and our by-laws, as amended, our business, property and affairs are managed by or under the direction of our board of directors. Members of the board are kept informed of our business through discussions with our chief executive officer, chairman of our board and other officers, by reviewing materials provided to them and by participating in meetings of the board and its committees.

During 2015, the board held four meetings. All of the directors attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the board of directors and the board committees of which such director was a member. Our non-management directors meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management. We encourage our directors to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. Last year, all of our directors attended our annual meeting of stockholders.

## Leadership Structure

The board of directors designated J. Robert Lovejoy as its Independent Lead Director. Among other things, the Lead Director presides at, and prepares the agenda for, executive sessions of the independent directors, recommends to the chairman of the board matters to be considered and materials to be reviewed by the board, serves as an independent point of contact for stockholders desiring to communicate with the board and performs such other duties and responsibilities as are assigned to him by a majority of the non-management directors.

Our company is led by Matthew J. Gould, chairman of our board, Fredric H. Gould, vice chairman of our board and Patrick J. Callan, Jr., president and chief executive officer. Although the board of directors has not established a policy on whether the role of the chairman and chief executive officer should be separated, the board of directors believes our current structure is the most appropriate structure at this time because it makes the best use of the abilities of these individuals.

# **Risk Oversight**

Management is responsible for the day-to-day management of risks we face. Our board of directors has overall responsibility for overseeing risk management with a focus on the more significant risks facing us. Our audit committee oversees risk policies and processes related to our financial statements, financial reporting processes and liquidity risks, our compensation committee oversees risks relating to remuneration of our full-time officers, and our nominating and corporate governance committee oversees corporate governance risks.

A portion of each quarterly meeting of the audit committee is devoted to reviewing with management, among other things, property portfolio issues which could have a material adverse impact on current or future operations or financial condition including, potential or actual impairments, if any, liquidity risks, debt covenants and maturities, lease expirations; and, as required, reviewing risks arising from related party transactions. Each audit committee meeting is generally attended by our chairman of the board, chief executive officer, and chief operating officer who are there, among other things, to respond to issues relating to tenant matters or property operations. In addition, at

each meeting of the audit committee, our chief financial officer, our chief accounting officer, the accounting firm performing the internal audit function on our behalf and our independent registered public accounting firm report to the committee with respect to compliance with our internal control policies to ascertain that no failures of a significant or material nature have occurred. This process assists the audit committee in overseeing the risks related to our financial statements and the financial reporting process.

At each meeting of the board of directors, a portion of the meeting is dedicated to reviewing and discussing the significant risk issues reviewed by the audit committee.

Our compensation committee monitors risks associated with our compensation structure. The compensation committee does not believe that the compensation programs which are in place give rise to any risk that is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

## **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that is designed to help our directors, officers, employees, agents and consultants resolve ethical issues. This code applies to all directors, officers, employees, agents and consultants, including our chief executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or persons performing similar functions. The code covers a variety of topics, including those required by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange. Topics covered include conflicts of interest, confidentiality of information, and compliance with laws and regulations.

During 2015, there were no amendments to the code and no waivers of the provisions of the code with respect to any of our directors, officers, employees, agents or consultants. We will post any amendments to, or waivers of, our code on our website. See Additional Information to obtain access to, or copies of, our code of business conduct and ethics.

## **Committees of the Board of Directors**

We have three standing committees: audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance. Our board has adopted corporate governance guidelines that address the make-up and function of the board and a charter for each of these committees. The charter for each committee requires that such committee be comprised of at least three independent directors and in the case of the audit committee, also requires that at least one member of the committee qualify as a financial expert. All of the members of each committee were independent during their period of service on such committee and in the case of the audit committee, each such member was also financially literate. See Additional Information to obtain access to, or copies of, our corporate governance guidelines and committee charters.

The table below provides membership and meeting information for each of the standing board committees for 2015:

N	A 1º/	C		Nominating and	
Name	Audit	Compen	sation	Corporate Governance	
Joseph A. Amato					
Charles Biederman					
James J. Burns(1)					
Joseph A. DeLuca					
J. Robert Lovejoy					
Louis P. Karol				Chair	
Leor Siri(1)	Chair (2	2)			
Eugene I. Zuriff		Ch	air		
Number of Meetings	6 (3	)	2 (3	) 1	
(1) Messrs. Burns and Siri are our audit committee financial experts.					

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Mr. Siri became chairman of the audit committee effective with the June 2015 board of directors meeting. For more than four years prior thereto, Mr. Burns served as chairman of this committee.

(3) Two of the audit committee meetings were joint meetings with the compensation committee and are reported solely as audit committee meetings.

## Audit Committee

This committee is responsible for assisting the board in overseeing, among other things, (i) the integrity of our financial statements, (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the independent registered public accounting firm s qualifications and independence, (iv) the performance of the independent registered public accounting firm, (v) the performance of the accounting firm performing our internal control audit function, and (vi) the preparation of the audit committee report required by the Securities and Exchange Commission for inclusion in this proxy statement. The audit committee is also responsible for the selection and engagement of our independent registered public accounting firm, for approving the fees paid to such firm and for approving related party transactions.

## **Compensation Committee**

This committee recommends the base salary and annual bonus to our full-time senior executive officers and the fees to be paid to our directors, and determines all awards under our equity based incentive plans.

## Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

This committee is responsible for, among other things, recommending a slate of directors for election to the board of directors at the annual stockholders meeting, recommending committee assignments to the board of directors, identifying and recommending candidates to fill vacancies on the board of directors between annual stockholder meetings, recommending a slate of officers for election by the board of directors at the annual directors meeting, proposing, monitoring and recommending changes to our corporate governance guidelines and overseeing the evaluation of the effectiveness of our board of directors and the committees thereof.

# **Director Qualifications**

The board believes that it should be comprised of directors with complementary backgrounds, and that directors should, at a minimum, have experience which is relevant to our business or otherwise be of assistance to the board in its deliberations. Our nominating and corporate governance committee (the nominating committee ) has not adopted a formal diversity policy in connection with the consideration of director nominations or the selection of nominees. It considers the personal and professional attributes and the experience of each director candidate to promote diversity of expertise and experience among our directors. Additionally, directors should possess the highest personal and professional ethics in order to perform their duties properly, and should be willing and able to devote the required amount of time to our business.

When considering candidates for director, the nominating committee will take into account a number of factors, including the following:

Independence, including independence from management and pursuant to the New York Stock Exchange's director independence standards;

- Whether the candidate has relevant business experience;
- Judgment, skill, integrity and reputation;
- Financial and accounting background, to enable the nominating committee to determine whether the candidate would be suitable for audit committee membership;
- Executive compensation background, to enable the nominating committee to determine whether the candidate
- would be suitable for compensation committee membership; and
- The size and composition of the existing board.

The nominating committee will consider candidates for director suggested by stockholders applying the criteria for candidates described above and considering the additional information referred to below. Stockholders wishing to suggest a candidate for director should write to our Secretary and include:

• A statement that the writer is a stockholder and is proposing a candidate for consideration by the nominating committee;

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- The name of and contact information of the candidate;
- A detailed statement of the candidate's business and educational experience and an explanation of the reasons why the stockholder believes the candidate is qualified for service on our board of directors;
- Information regarding each of the factors listed above sufficient to enable the nominating committee to evaluate the candidate;
- A statement detailing any relationship between the candidate and any of our competitors, affiliated companies or officers or directors;
- Detailed information about any relationship or understanding between the proposing stockholder and the candidate; and
- A statement that the candidate is willing to be considered and willing to serve as a director if nominated and elected.

When seeking candidates for director, the nominating committee may solicit suggestions from management, incumbent directors and others. The nominating committee or its chairman will interview a candidate if it believes the candidate might be suitable to be a director. The nominating committee may also ask the candidate to meet with management.

The nominating committee generally intends to recommend that the Board nominate incumbent directors whom the committee believes will continue to make important contributions to us, inasmuch as the committee believes that the continuing service of qualified incumbents promotes stability and continuity, giving us the benefit of the familiarity and insight into our affairs that its directors have accumulated during their tenure, while contributing to the Board s ability to work as a collective body.

# **Independence of Directors**

The board reviews director independence annually and bases its independence determinations primarily on discussions with the directors and a review of the responses to the directors questionnaires regarding employment and compensation history, affiliations, family and other relationships.

In determining whether our directors are independent, our board of directors employs the New York Stock Exchange director independence standards. These standards provide:

No director qualifies as independent unless the board affirmatively determines that the director has no material

- relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us);
- A director who is an employee, or whose immediate family member is an executive officer, of ours is not independent until three years after the end of such relationship; A director who received, or whose immediate family member received, during any twelve-month period within
- the last three years, more than \$120,000 in direct compensation from us other than director and committee fees
  and pension or other forms of deferred compensation for prior services (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service), is not independent until three years after he or she ceases to receive more than \$120,000 in any twelve-month period;

A director who is, or who has an immediate family member who is, a current partner of our internal or external auditor, a director who is a current employee of our internal or external auditor, a director who has an immediate family member who is a surrent employee of our internal or external auditor, a director who has an

- immediate family member who is a current employee of our internal or external auditor and who personally participates in our audit, or a director who was, or whose immediate family member was, within the last three years, a partner or employee of our internal or external auditor and personally worked on our audit within that time, cannot be considered independent;
- A director who is employed, or whose immediate family member is employed, as an executive officer of another company where any of our present executives serve on that company's compensation committee is not

independent until three years after the end of such service or the employment relationship; and

A director who is a current employee, or whose immediate family member is a current executive officer, of a company that has made payments to, or received payments from, us for property or services in an amount

• which, in any single fiscal year, exceeds the greater of \$1 million, or 2% of such other company's consolidated gross revenues, is not independent until the commencement of the third fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such payments fall below such threshold.

The commentary to the New York Stock Exchange standards provides that it is not possible to anticipate or explicitly to provide for all circumstances that might signal potential conflicts of interest, or might bear on the materiality of a director s relationship to a listed company. Accordingly, the board considers material relationships with the Company s affiliates and officers that a director may have.

Our board has determined that each of Joseph A. Amato, Charles Biederman, James J. Burns, Joseph A. DeLuca, Louis P. Karol, J. Robert Lovejoy, Leor Siri and Eugene I. Zuriff is independent. In evaluating Mr. Zuriff s independence, the Board considered that he serves as a director and member of the corporate compliance committee of Israel Discount Bank of New York. Israel Discount is one of the four lenders on our credit facility. The Board concluded that the foregoing did not disqualify Mr. Zuriff from being independent.

#### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

None of the compensation committee members were ever officers or employees of our company or has had any relationship requiring disclosure by us under any paragraph of Item 404 (Transactions with Related Persons, Promoters and Certain Control Persons) of Regulation S-K.

## **Communications with Directors**

Stockholders, employees and other interested persons who want to communicate with the board, any committee of the board, or any individual director can write to:

One Liberty Properties, Inc. Suite 303 60 Cutter Mill Road Great Neck, New York 11021 Attention: Secretary

The Secretary will:

- Forward the communication to the director or directors to whom it is addressed;
- Attempt to handle the inquiry directly; for example where it is a request for information about the company or it is a stock-related matter; or
- Not forward the communication if it is primarily commercial in nature or if it relates to an improper or irrelevant topic.

At each board meeting, the Secretary will present a summary of all communications received since the last meeting that were not forwarded and make those communications available to the directors on request.

In the event that a stockholder, employee or other interested person would like to communicate with our non-management directors confidentially, they may do so by sending a letter to Independent Lead Director at the address set forth above. Please note that the envelope must contain a clear notation that it is confidential.

#### **Compensation of Directors**

The following table sets forth the cash compensation payable to the members of our board of directors for service on our board and its committees, all of whom, except as indicated below, are non-management directors:

			Committee	
	Board	Audit	Compensation	Nominating
Annual retainer	\$ 30,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000
Participation in meeting	1,000			
Chairman's annual retainer(1)	262,500 (2)	15,000	7,000	7,000
Vice Chairman's annual retainer	105,000 (2)	_	_	_
Lead director's annual retainer	20,000	_	_	_

(1) The amounts paid for serving as the chair of the applicable committee are in addition to the annual retainer for service on such committee.

Matthew J. Gould and Fredric H. Gould, members of management, were paid the Chairman's and Vice

(2) Chairman's annual retainer, respectively. See Executive Compensation— Compensation Discussion and Analysis— Compensation of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board and Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

In addition, non-management directors are awarded shares of restricted common stock annually – the number of such shares varies from year to year. In 2015 and 2016, each such director was awarded 2,500 shares and 3,000 shares, respectively. The restricted shares have a five year vesting period, subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of specified events, during which the owner is entitled to vote and receive distributions, if any, on such shares.

Our directors received the following compensation for 2015:

Name(1)	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(2)	Stock Awards (\$)(3)	All Other Compensation (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
Joseph A. Amato	39,000	61,500	18,565	119,065
Charles Biederman	45,000	61,500	18,565	125,065
James J. Burns	53,500	61,500	18,565	133,565
Joseph A. DeLuca	46,000	61,500	18,565	126,065
Jeffrey A. Gould		211,560 (5)	290,172 (6)	501,732
J. Robert Lovejoy	60,000	61,500	18,565	140,065
Louis P. Karol	46,000	61,500	18,565	126,065
Leor Siri	53,500	61,500	3,950	118,950
Eugene I. Zuriff	59,000	61,500	18,565	139,065

The compensation received by Matthew J. Gould, Chairman of the Board, Fredric H. Gould, Vice Chairman of the Board and Patrick J. Callan, Jr., President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director, is set

forth in the Summary Compensation Table and is not included in this table. All of the directors in this table are non-management directors, except for Jeffrey A. Gould, a Senior Vice President of our company. See Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

Includes all fees earned for services as a director, including annual retainer fees, committee and

- (2) committee chairman fees and meeting fees of \$1,000 per board meeting. Each non-management director is entitled to reimbursement of travel and other expenses incurred in connection with attendance at board and committee meetings, which amounts are not included in this table.
- Represents the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718. The closing price per share on January 15, 2015, the grant date, was \$24.60. Each of these

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directors was awarded 2,500 shares of restricted stock other than Jeffrey A. Gould, who was awarded 8,600 shares of restricted stock for services rendered and to be rendered as our officer. In January 2016, each non-management director was granted 3,000 shares of restricted stock with a grant date fair value of \$21.74 per share. Such shares generally vest in 2021.

- (4) Except with respect to Jeffrey A. Gould, represents dividends declared in 2015 on unvested restricted shares awarded under our 2009 Incentive Plan and 2012 Incentive Plan.
- Represents the grant date fair value of the shares of restricted stock awarded in recognition of his service as a Senior Vice President of our company.
- Includes \$229,500, representing amounts paid to him by Majestic Property Management Corp. for
  (6) services performed on our behalf, and \$60,672 of dividends on unvested restricted stock. See Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

The table below shows the number of outstanding shares of our unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units (RSUs) held by each director at December 31, 2015:

Name(1)	Unvested Restricted Stock (#)	Unvested RSUs (#)(2)	Market Value of Unvested Restricted Stock and RSUs (\$)(3)
Joseph A. Amato	11,750		252,155
Charles Biederman	11,750		252,155
James J. Burns	11,750		252,155
Joseph A. DeLuca	11,750		252,155
Jeffrey A. Gould	38,400	14,286	1,130,642
J. Robert Lovejoy	11,750		252,155
Louis P. Karol	11,750		252,155
Leor Siri	2,500		53,650
Eugene I. Zuriff	11,750	—	252,155

The outstanding RSUs and shares of restricted stock held by Fredric H. Gould, Patrick J. Callan, Jr. and Matthew J. Gould are set forth in the Executive Compensation - Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal

 Year End table and are not included in the above table. All of the directors in this table are non-management directors, except for Jeffrey A. Gould.

The RSUs vest if and to the extent applicable performance or market conditions are met at June 30,

(2) 2017. Assumes that all of the RSU's vest. See Executive Compensation - Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End.

(3) The closing price on the New York Stock Exchange on December 31, 2015 for a share of our common stock was \$21.46.

### STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following table sets forth, as of April 4, 2016, information concerning shares of our common stock owned by (i) all persons known to own beneficially 5% or more of our outstanding stock, (ii) all directors and nominees for election as directors, (iii) each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table, and (iv) all directors and executive officers as a group:

	Amount of Beneficial	Percent
Name	Ownership(1)	of Class
Joseph A. Amato	31,162	*
Charles Biederman(2)	17,250	*
James J. Burns	31,162	*
Patrick J. Callan, Jr.	132,063	*
Joseph A. DeLuca(3)	31,336	*
Fredric H. Gould(4)(5)	2,411,551	14.1 %
Jeffrey A. Gould(4)(6)	2,063,487	12.1 %
Matthew J. Gould(4)(7)	2,054,911	12.0 %
David W. Kalish(8)	290,861	1.7 %
Louis P. Karol	15,625	*
J. Robert Lovejoy(9)	68,989	*
Mark H. Lundy(10)	98,226	*
Lawrence G. Ricketts, Jr.	85,507	*
Leor Siri(11)	5,500	*
Eugene I. Zuriff(12)	25,657	*
Directors and officers as a group (22 individuals)(4)	3,980,555	23.3 %
Gould Investors L.P.(4)(13)	1,785,976	10.4 %
BlackRock, Inc.(14)	987,136	5.8 %
The Vanguard Group(15)	1,518,295	8.9 %

\* Less than 1%

Securities are listed as beneficially owned by a person who directly or indirectly holds or shares the power to vote or to dispose of the securities, whether or not the person has an economic interest in the

(1) securities. In addition, a person is deemed a beneficial owner if he has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of shares within 60 days of April 4, 2016. The percentage of beneficial ownership is based on 17,116,870 shares of common stock outstanding on April 4, 2016.

(2) Excludes 45,118 shares owned by his spouse, as to which he disclaims any beneficial ownership interest.

(3) Includes shares of common stock owned by a corporation of which he is the sole shareholder. Excludes 500 shares of common stock owned by his wife as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership.

Fredric H. Gould, Matthew J. Gould and Jeffrey A. Gould are the directors of the corporate managing(4) partner of Gould Investors and accordingly may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares owned by Gould Investors.

(5) Includes 443,643 shares of common stock owned directly, 1,785,976 shares of common stock owned by Gould Investors and 181,932 shares of common stock owned by entities, pension trusts and a foundation over which he has sole or shared voting and dispositive power. Excludes 56,440 shares of common stock

owned by his wife, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.

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Includes 244,853 shares of common stock owned directly, 1,785,976 shares of common stock owned by Gould Investors and 13,977 shares of common stock owned by a foundation over which he has shared

- (6) voting and dispositive power. Also includes 18,681 shares of common stock owned as custodian for his children as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
   Includes 212,606 shares of common stock owned directly, 1,785,976 shares of common stock owned by
- (7) Gould Investors and 13,977 shares of common stock owned by a foundation over which he has shared voting and dispositive power. Also includes 42,352 shares of common stock owned as custodian for his children as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
   Includes 117,611 shares of common stock owned directly and by his IRA and profit sharing trust, of
- (8) which he is the sole beneficiary, and 173,250 shares of common stock owned by pension trusts over which he has shared voting and dispositive power. Excludes 500 shares of common stock owned by his wife, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
   Includes shares of common stock owned by his IRA. Excludes 6,000 shares of common stock owned by
- (9) his wife and 315 shares of common stock owned by his daughter, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.

Includes 1,266 shares of common stock owned as custodian for a minor child, as to which shares he

- (10) disclaims beneficial ownership, and 96,960 shares of common stock owned directly and held in a margin account.
- (11) Excludes 285 shares held by his spouse, as custodian for their children, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.

Includes 23,157 shares of common stock owned directly and 2,500 shares held in his IRA account.

- (12) Excludes 5,000 shares of common stock owned by his wife, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (13) Address is 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 303, Great Neck, NY 11021. We refer to Gould Investors L.P. as Gould Investors.

As of December 31, 2015, based (other than with respect to percentage ownership) on information set forth in Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 27, 2016 by BlackRock, Inc. (14)

(14) This stockholder reported that it has sole voting power with respect to 955,550 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 987,136 shares and that it does not share voting or dispositive power with respect to the shares it beneficially owns. BlackRock's business address is 40 East 52<sup>d</sup> Street, New York, NY 10022.

As of December 31, 2015, based (other than with respect to percentage ownership) on information set (15) forth in Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2016 by the Vanguard

Group, whose business address is 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, PA, 19355.

# **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

### (Proposal 1)

Pursuant to our by-laws, as amended, the number of directors was fixed at twelve by our board of directors. The board is divided into three classes and the classes are elected on a staggered basis. Each class is elected to serve a three year term and is to be as equal in size as is possible. The terms of Joseph A. Amato, Jeffrey A. Gould, Matthew J. Gould and J. Robert Lovejoy expire at the 2016 annual meeting. Each of them has been recommended to the board of directors by the nominating committee for election at the annual meeting. Eight other individuals serve as directors but are not standing for election because their terms extend past the date of the annual meeting. Proxies will not be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named in the proxy statement.

It is contemplated that all the nominees will stand for election. Should any nominee become unavailable for election, all proxies (except proxies marked to the contrary) will be voted for the election of a substitute nominee recommended by the board of directors.

If any director is unable to serve his full term, the board, by majority vote of the directors then in office, may designate a substitute.

#### Nominees for Election to serve until the 2019 Annual Meeting

The following table sets forth information regarding the nominees for director to hold office until the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders:

Principal Occupation For The Past Five Years and other

Name and Age	Directorships or Significant Affiliations
Joseph A. Amato 80 Years	Director since 1989; Real estate developer; Managing partner of the Kent Companies, owner, manager and developer of income producing real estate since 1970. Mr. Amato has been principally engaged in real estate development activities for more than 40 years, developing residential and commercial properties. In addition he has for many years owned and managed residential and commercial real estate. His activities have involved, among other things, land acquisition, infrastructure installation, building design, construction supervision, zoning, budgeting, negotiations with lending institutions and property sales. His broad experience has encompassed many aspects of real estate development and management and he brings his broad and varied experiences to our board of directors.
Jeffrey A. Gould 50 Years	Director since 1999, Vice President from 1989 to 1999 and Senior Vice President since 1999; Since 1996, President, from 1996 through 2001, Chief Operating Officer, and since 2002, Chief Executive Officer of BRT Realty Trust, a New York Stock Exchange listed real estate investment trust; Trustee of BRT Realty Trust since 1997; Since 1996, Senior Vice President and since 2013, director of Georgetown Partners, Inc., the managing general partner of Gould Investors. Jeffrey A. Gould is the son of Fredric H. Gould and brother of Matthew J. Gould. Mr. Gould has spent his entire career in the real estate business. His principal

activity for more than the past 17 years has been first as chief operating officer and then as chief executive officer of BRT Realty Trust. In these capacities, he has operated a public REIT, dealt with many areas in the real estate field, including evaluation, management and real estate acquisitions and dispositions, and is highly qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors.

#### Name and Age

Matthew J. Gould 56 Years

J. Robert Lovejoy 71 Years

## Principal Occupation For The Past Five Years and other Directorships or Significant Affiliations

Chairman since June 2013, Vice Chairman from 2011 through June 2013; Director since 1999; President and Chief Executive Officer from 1989 to 1999 and a Senior Vice President from 1999 through 2011; From 1996 through 2013, President, and from 2013, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Georgetown Partners, the managing general partner of Gould Investors; Senior Vice President of BRT Realty Trust since 1993 and Trustee since 2001; Vice President of Majestic for more than the past five years. Matthew J. Gould is the son of Fredric H. Gould and brother of Jeffrey A. Gould. In addition to his general knowledge of real estate matters, he devotes a significant amount of his business time to the acquisition and sale of real property, and he brings his knowledge and expertise in these areas to his board activities. He also has experience in mortgage financing and real estate management, activities in which he is frequently involved. His more than 30 years' experience as a real estate executive is a valuable asset to our board of directors.

Director since 2004 and Independent Lead Director since 2011; Partner and Chief Administrative Officer of Deimos Asset Management LLC, a privately owned multi-strategy hedge fund management company, since February 2015. Founder and principal of J.R. Lovejoy & Co. LLC, providing consulting and advisory services to corporate, investment and financial clients: Director from 2000 to 2013. Chairman from 2011 to 2013, and Interim Chief Executive Officer from 2011 to 2012 of Orient-Express Hotels Ltd., (now called Belmond Ltd.), a New York Stock Exchange listed luxury lodging company and sophisticated adventure travel operator; Partner, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel of Coatue Management LLC, a privately owned investment management company, from 2009 through 2010; Managing Director of Groton Partners, LLC, merchant bankers, from 2006 to 2009; Senior Managing Director of Ripplewood Holdings, LLC, a private equity investment firm, from 2000 to 2005; a Managing Director of Lazard Freres & Co. LLC and a General Partner of Lazard's predecessor partnership for over 15 years prior to 2000. Mr. Lovejoy, an attorney, has extensive experience in asset management and investment and merchant banking, and throughout his career has been involved in raising capital in private and public transactions, mergers and acquisitions, business law and accounting issues. His exposure to these areas makes him a valued member of our board of directors.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF JOSEPH A. AMATO, JEFFREY A. GOULD, MATTHEW J. GOULD AND J. ROBERT LOVEJOY AS DIRECTORS.

# Directors to Continue in Office Until the 2017 Annual Meeting

Name and Age	Principal Occupation For The Past Five Years and other Directorships or Significant Affiliations
Charles L. Biederman 82 Years	Director since 1989; Chairman from 2008 to 2010 of Universal Development Company, a commercial general contractor engaged in turnkey hotel, commercial and residential projects; Principal of Sunstone Hotel Investors, LLC, a company engaged in the management, ownership and development of hotel properties, from 1994 to 2007; Executive Vice President of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc., a real estate investment trust engaged in the ownership of hotel properties, from 1994 to 1998 and Vice Chairman of Sunstone Hotel Investors from 1998 to 1999. Mr. Biederman, a professional architect, was involved for many years in the development and construction of residential communities. He subsequently became involved, as an executive officer and a director, in the activities of a publicly traded real estate investment trust engaged in the ownership of hotel properties and hotels. In his business activities he has been involved in all aspects of real estate ownership and operation and in real estate development, which includes financing and related financial matters.
James J. Burns 76 Years	Director since 2000; Consultant (with continued primary responsibility for income tax reporting and compliance) from 2009 through 2015, Vice Chairman from 2006 to 2009 and from 1999 to 2006, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Reis, Inc., formerly, Wellsford Real Properties, Inc.; Partner of Ernst & Young LLP, certified public accountants, and a predecessor firm from 1977 to 1999; Director and chairman of the audit committee of Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., a real estate investment trust engaged in the ownership, development, management and leasing of retail properties, since 2001. Mr. Burns has been involved for more than 50 years in accounting and auditing issues, specializing since 1975 in the real estate industry. His experience as a certified public accountant, wealth of knowledge in financial and accounting matters and his involvement as an officer and director of, and as adviser to, real estate investment trusts and other real estate companies (including service for more than four years as chairman of our audit committee), makes him valuable as a member of, and financial expert to, our audit committee, and an important member of our board of directors.
Patrick J. Callan, Jr. 53 Years	Director since 2002, President since 2006 and Chief Executive Officer since 2008; Senior Vice President of First Washington Realty, Inc. from 2004 to 2005; Vice President of Real Estate for Kimco Realty Corporation, a real estate investment trust, from 1998 to 2004. Mr. Callan joined us in 2002, as a director, with significant experience in commercial leasing with a publicly traded real estate investment trust

and thereafter served as a senior executive officer of another real estate

investment trust. His knowledge of our business and our industry made him an excellent choice to become our president in 2006 and our chief executive officer in 2008.

#### Name and Age

Louis P. Karol 58 Years

# Principal Occupation For The Past Five Years and other Directorships or Significant Affiliations

Director since 2010; Partner of Karol & Sosnik, P.C. (f/k/a Karol Hausman & Sosnik, P.C.), attorneys at law, a firm he founded in 1993, which focuses on estate and trust matters and tax planning. He has also represented entities and individuals in the acquisition and sale of real estate. Mr. Karol has served as a Director of Grandparents.com., Inc. since 2014 and as a member of its audit committee since 2016. Mr. Karol holds a master's degree in taxation from New York University School of Law and is admitted to practice in the United States Tax Court. His education and experience are of benefit to our board in its deliberations.

#### Directors to Continue in Office Until the 2018 Annual Meeting

Joseph A. DeLuca 70 Years Director since 2004; Principal and sole shareholder of Joseph A. DeLuca, Inc., engaged in commercial and multifamily real estate debt and equity investment advisory and restructuring, since 1998; Director of Capmark Bank, a commercial and multifamily Industrial Bank real estate lender from 2011 through its successful resolution, repayment of all deposits, collection / liquidation of assets, return of shareholder (parent) capital and completion of de-banking at year end 2013; Member of Board of Managers of Wrightwood Capital LLC, a private commercial real estate lender and investment manager beginning in 2010 and continuing through June 2015, encompassing modifications to Wrightwood's financing structure, operating platform and the restructuring/monetizations of its real estate assets and portfolios; Consultant to Gramercy Capital Corp. from 2008 to 2011 for restructuring /special servicing /monetization of various real estate investments; Principal of MHD Capital Partners, LLC from 2006 to 2009, an equity oriented real estate investing entity; Director of Real Estate Investments for Equitable Life Assurance Society of America under a consulting contract from 1999 to 2002; Executive Vice President /Managing Director/Group Head of the Real Estate Finance & Real Estate Investment Banking Groups for Chemical Bank from 1990 through the 1996 merger with the Chase Manhattan Bank, and continuing as Managing Director / Group Head of the Chase Real Estate - Finance & Investment Banking Groups to 1998. After leaving the bank in 1998, Mr. DeLuca has been a consultant on real estate matters to various public and private entities. His years of experience in banking and the real estate industry, particularly in real estate finance matters, provides our board with a director who has exceptional knowledge and understanding of real estate finance, credit issues from both the lender's and borrower's perspectives, and investment property acquisitions and dispositions.

Name and Age

Fredric H. Gould 80 Years

Leor Siri 43 Years

Eugene I. Zuriff 76 Years

#### Principal Occupation For The Past Five Years and other Directorships or Significant Affiliations

Vice Chairman since June 2013, Chairman from 1989 through June 2013, Chief Executive Officer from 1999 to 2001 and from 2005 to 2007; From 1997 through 2013, Chairman of Georgetown Partners, Inc., managing general partner of Gould Investors, which is primarily engaged in the ownership and operation of real estate properties held for investment; Since 1984, a Trustee of, and from 1984 through 2013, Chairman of the Board of BRT Realty Trust; Vice President and sole stockholder of Majestic for more than the past five years. Director of EastGroup Properties, Inc., a real estate investment trust engaged in the acquisition, ownership and development of industrial properties, since 1998. Fredric H. Gould is the father of Jeffrey A. Gould and Matthew J. Gould. Mr. Fredric H. Gould has been involved in the real estate business for over 50 years, as an investor and owner, and as the chief executive officer of publicly traded real estate entities and real estate investment trusts. He has also served as a director of four real estate investment trusts, including serving as Chairman of the Board of our company, and as a Director and a member of the loan committee of two savings and loan associations. His knowledge and experience in business, finance, tax, accounting and legal matters and his knowledge of our business and history makes him an important member of our board of directors.

Director since 2014; Since 2014, Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Management Committee of Silverstein Properties, Inc.; Chief Financial Officer of Ian Schrager Company from 2013 to 2014; Chief Financial Officer and member of the Executive Investment Committee of Seavest Inc., from 2011 to 2013; Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer and Director of Elad Group, Ltd. from 2006 to 2011; from 1996 to 2006, served in various capacities (including senior manager) at Ernst & Young, LLP. Mr. Siri is a certified public accountant. His experience as chief financial officer of businesses engaged in the real estate industry adds an informed voice to our board and audit committee.

Director since 2005; Consultant to the restaurant industry since 2010; Vice Chairman of PBS Real Estate LLC, real estate brokers, from 2008 through 2010; President of The Smith & Wollensky Restaurant Group, Inc., a developer, owner and operator of a diversified portfolio of white tablecloth restaurants in the United States, from 2004 to 2007; Consultant to The Smith & Wollensky Restaurant Group, Inc., from 1997 to 2004 and a Director of The Smith & Wollensky Restaurant Group, Inc., from 1997 to 2007; Director and member of the corporate compliance committee of Israel Discount Bank of New York since 2015; Director of Doral Federal Savings Bank from 2001 to 2007 and Chairman of its audit committee from 2001 to 2003. Mr. Zuriff's experience as President and a Director of a publicly traded entity, as a

director and committee member of various banks, provide him with knowledge and experience that is important to our board in its deliberations.

# ONE LIBERTY PROPERTIES, INC. 2016 INCENTIVE PLAN (PROPOSAL 2)

## **Highlights of the Plan**

Set forth below are some of the highlights of the Plan.

- A maximum of 750,000 shares are available for grant under the Plan;
- Options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights and performance based awards may be granted;
- A non-management director may not be granted awards with respect to more than 10,000 shares in any year;
- No person may be granted more than 100,000 shares in any year pursuant to each type of award other than with respect to stock options as to which no more than 50,000 shares may be granted in each year; Without stockholder approval, we will not (i) reprice, replace or regrant, an outstanding option either in connection with the cancellation of such option or by amending an award agreement to lower the exercise price
- of such option, (ii) cancel outstanding options in exchange for cash or other awards; and (iii) except as otherwise provided for in the Plan, repurchase outstanding unvested restricted stock or unvested RSU's in exchange for cash or accelerate the vesting of outstanding unvested shares of restricted stock or RSU's.

#### General

The Board has approved, subject to stockholder approval, the adoption of the One Liberty Properties, Inc. 2016 Incentive Plan.

The Board believes that granting equity based compensation is an important component of our compensation structure. The purpose of the Plan is to motivate, retain and attract employees, officers and directors of experience and ability and to further the financial success of our company by aligning the interests of participants in the Plan, through the ownership of shares of common stock, with the interests of our stockholders.

An aggregate of 805,000 shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units (*i.e.*, 605,000 shares of restricted stock and 200,000 restricted stock units) issued pursuant to all of our equity incentive plans are outstanding as of the close of business on April 15, 2016. Since the restricted shares have a five year cliff-vesting requirement, the outstanding restricted shares vest in approximately equal annual amounts through 2021. The restricted stock units vest in 2017 subject to satisfaction of performance based conditions. See Executive Compensation – Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End. There are 102,050 shares available to be awarded pursuant to our 2012 Incentive Plan (the 2012 Plan ) and we propose the adoption of the Plan pursuant to which up to 750,000 shares may be awarded. If stockholders adopt the Plan, no further awards will be made under the 2012 Plan. As of the close of business on April 15, 2016, there were shares outstanding. Generally, the awards granted each year have represented less than 1% of our outstanding shares at the time of grant.

It is anticipated that awards will be granted under the Plan to: 14 full-time and part-time executive officers; eight non-management directors; and approximately 33 full-time and part-time non-executive officers and employees.

The following summary of major features of the Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual text of the Plan, set forth as Annex A.

# Shares Subject to the Plan

The total number of shares available for grant under the Plan will not exceed 750,000 shares. The Plan authorizes the discretionary grant of (i) incentive stock options intended to qualify under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code , (ii) non-qualified stock options, (iii) restricted stock, (iv) restricted stock units, (v) dividend equivalent rights and (vi) performance-based awards. The shares available for issuance under the Plan will be authorized but

unissued common shares. Shares related to awards that are forfeited, cancelled, terminated or expire unexercised will be available for grant under the Plan. Neither shares tendered by a participant to pay the exercise price of an award, nor any shares withheld by us for taxes, will be available for future grants under the Plan. In the event of a stock dividend or stock split affecting our shares, the number of shares issuable and issued under the Plan and the number of shares covered by and the exercise price and other terms of outstanding awards will be adjusted to reflect such event to prevent dilution or diminution of awards.

## Administration of the Plan

The Plan will be administered by our compensation committee which, to the extent deemed necessary by the Board, will consist of two or more persons who satisfy the requirements for a non-employee director under Rule 16(b) under the Exchange Act, and an outside director under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The compensation committee has authority to administer and construe the Plan in accordance with its provisions. The compensation committee s authority also includes the power to (a) determine persons eligible for awards, (b) prescribe the terms and conditions of awards granted under the Plan, (c) adopt rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan which are consistent with the Plan and (d) establish, interpret, amend or revoke any such rules. A non-management director may not be granted awards with respect to more than 10,000 shares in any calendar year.

## Options

Stock options entitle the holder to purchase a specified number of shares at a specified exercise price subject to the terms and conditions of the option grant. The purchase price per share for each incentive stock option is determined by the compensation committee, but must be at least 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant. The aggregate fair market value of shares with respect to which incentive stock options are exercisable for the first time by an individual during any calendar year cannot exceed \$100,000. To the extent that the fair market value of shares with respect to which incentive stock option. Options granted under the Plan may be exercisable for a term up to ten years. If a participant owns more than 10% of the total voting power of all classes of our shares at the time the participant is granted an incentive stock option, the option price per share cannot be less than 110% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant and the term of the option cannot exceed five years.

Non-qualified options may not be granted at an exercise price per share that is less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of the grant. Except to the extent such awards qualify as performance based awards as described below, the maximum aggregate number of shares underlying options that may be granted in one calendar year to an individual participant is 50,000.

The closing price of a share of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on April 12, 2016 was \$21.96.

# **Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units**

Restricted stock are shares that may not be sold, transferred, gifted, bequeathed, pledged, assigned or otherwise disposed of until the end of a specified restriction period. Restricted stock units or RSUs represent the right, upon satisfaction of specified conditions, to receive shares and are subject to the same restrictions on transferability applicable to restricted stock. RSU s and shares of restricted stock will be issued at the beginning of the restriction period and the compensation committee shall set restrictions and other conditions applicable to the vesting of such award, including restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals, time based restrictions or any other basis determined by the compensation committee.

Recipients of restricted stock have the right to vote such shares and to receive and retain cash dividends and other distributions, if any, paid thereon, even if such restricted stock is forfeited in the future. Recipients of RSUs are not entitled to vote or, except to the extent a dividend equivalent right is granted in tandem with an RSU, receive dividends with respect to the underlying shares, until such shares have been issued. Recipients of such awards will not be entitled to delivery of the stock certificate (or its equivalent) representing the shares until all the restrictions have been fulfilled. The Plan provides that except as otherwise determined by the Committee, RSUs and shares of restricted stock for which performance and other

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applicable conditions have not been met will be forfeited upon the death, disability or retirement of such participant; it is anticipated that to the extent permitted by law, the Committee will, as it has in the past in connection with restricted stock awards granted pursuant to the 2012 Plan, provide that the RSUs and shares of restricted stock vest upon such occurrence.

Generally, any restricted stock or RSUs that does not vest on the vesting date, or on a date prior to the vesting date if it is determined that it cannot vest (for example due to the termination of employment prior to achievement of a time based restriction), will be forfeited to us and the recipient will not thereafter have any rights (including rights to dividends and distributions) with respect to these securities.

Except to the extent such awards qualify as performance based awards as described below, no more than 100,000 shares of each of restricted stock and RSUs will be awarded to any participant in any calendar year. We will not repurchase outstanding restricted stock or RSUs in exchange for cash. The compensation committee may grant restricted stock or RSUs and set restrictions based upon performance goals so that such grant would qualify as performance based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **Dividend Equivalent Rights**

The Plan allows the Committee to grant dividend equivalents rights in tandem with the grant of RSUs and performance based awards (other than restricted stock and options). These rights entitle the holder to receive an amount of cash equal to the cash distributions that would have been paid on shares underlying the award to which such right relates, as if such shares were outstanding during the period beginning with the grant date (or if otherwise determined by the compensation committee, the beginning of the performance cycle) of the award to which such dividend equivalent right relates through the vesting date of such award. Dividend equivalents rights will only vest to the extent the related award vests.

#### **Performance Based Awards**

In view of our relatively small market capitalization in comparison to our peers, and our relatively small number of executive officers, it has been our judgment that fair and equitable compensation of our executive officers and the alignment of the interests of our executive officers with the interests of our stockholders could be accomplished by our compensation committee, with input from our chairman and senior management, analyzing our performance and the performance of each executive officer, and by awarding restricted stock to our executive officers in reasonable amounts. In view of the pay for performance emphasis of many of our peers and institutional investors, the Plan authorizes the compensation committee to grant performance based awards. Performance based awards will be made by the issuance of restricted stock units or other awards, or a combination thereof, contingent upon the attainment of one or more performance goals (described below) that our compensation committee establishes. The minimum period with respect to which performance goals are measured is one year, but the compensation committee generally intends to establish a multi-year performance cycle. The maximum number of shares with respect to which a participant may be granted performance based awards in any calendar year is 100,000 shares.

The terms and conditions of a performance based award will provide for the vesting of the award to be contingent upon the achievement of one or more specified performance goals that the compensation committee establishes. For this purpose, performance goals means for a performance cycle, the specific goals that the compensation committee establishes that may be based on one or more of the following performance criteria:

- pre-tax income,
- after-tax income,
- net income (meaning net income as reflected in our financial reports for the applicable period),

- operating income (including net operating income),
- any one or more of cash flow, cash flow from operations, and free cash flow,
- return on any one or more of equity, invested capital and assets,
- funds available for distribution,

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- occupancy rate at any one or more of our properties,
- total stockholder return,
- funds from operations ( FFO ), as computed in accordance with standards established by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts,
- adjusted FFO (*i.e.*, adjusting FFO to give effect to any one or more of the following: property acquisition costs, straight-line rent, amortization of lease tangibles, lease termination fee income, amortization of restricted stock
- or other non-cash compensation expense, amortization and/or write-off of deferred financing costs and debt prepayment costs),
- stock appreciation (meaning an increase in the price or value of the shares after the date of grant of an award and during the applicable period),
- revenues,
- assets,
- earnings before any one or more of the following items: interest, taxes, impairment charges, depreciation or amortization for the applicable period, as reflected in our financial reports for the applicable period,
- reduction in expense levels,
- operating cost management and employee productivity, strategic business criteria consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified revenue, market
- share, market penetration, geographic business expansion goals, objectively identified project milestones, cost targets and goals relating to acquisition or divestitures; and
- achievement of business or operational goals such as market share and/or business development.

The performance goals need not be the same with respect to all participants and may be established for the Company in the aggregate or on a per share basis (whether diluted or undiluted), may be based on an absolute or relative basis, may be based on our performance compared to the performance of businesses or indices specified by the compensation committee, may be compared to any prior period, may be based on a company-wide basis or in respect of any one or more business units, may be adjusted for non-controlling interests, and any one or more of the foregoing.

# Amendment and Termination of the Plan

No awards may be made under the Plan on or after the tenth anniversary of the Plan s effective date. Our Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time for any reason provided that no amendment, suspension or termination may impair rights or obligations under any outstanding award without the participant s consent or violate the Plan s prohibition on repricing (*i.e.*, the replacing or regranting of an option in connection with the cancellation of the option or by amending an award agreement to lower the exercise price of an option or the cancellation of any award in exchange for cash). The stockholders must approve any amendment: (i) if such approval is required under applicable law or stock exchange requirements; or (ii) that changes the no-repricing provisions of the Plan.

# Compliance with Laws; Clawbacks; Compliance with REIT Requirements

The grant of awards and the issuance of shares under the Plan is subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, approvals by governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and the applicable provisions of any claw-back policy implemented by us, whether implemented prior to or after the grant of such award.

Awards are not exercisable if such award or its exercise could cause the participant to be in violation of any restrictions on ownership and transfer of the Company s securities, or if, in the discretion of the Committee, such award could otherwise impair the Company s status as a real estate investment trust under the Code.

# **Change in Control**

Any awards granted under the Plan that are outstanding and not then exercisable or subject to restrictions at the time of a change in control (as defined in the Plan) shall become immediately exercisable and all restrictions shall be removed effective as of such change in control. The Plan defines a change in control as follows:

(a) the acquisition in one or more transactions by any person (as defined in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) of the beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of 25% or more of the outstanding shares or the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities entitled to vote in the election of directors (provided that this provision is not applicable to acquisitions made individually, or as a group, by Fredric H. Gould, Matthew J. Gould and Jeffrey A. Gould and their respective spouses, lineal descendants and affiliates);

(b) individuals who, at the date of the award, constitute our Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the board, provided an individual becoming a director subsequent to the date of an award whose election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the board shall be considered as though such individuals were a member of the board, but excluding any individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result either of an actual or threatened election contest or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consent by and behalf of a person other than the board;

(c) the closing of a sale or other conveyance of all or substantially all of our assets;

(d) the effective time of any merger or other business combination involving us if immediately after such transactions persons who hold a majority of outstanding voting securities entitled to vote are not persons who immediately prior to such transaction held our voting stock.

# Federal Income Tax Consequences

The federal tax rules applicable to awards under the Plan under the Code are summarized below. This summary omits the tax laws of any municipality, state, or foreign country in which a participant resides.

Stock option grants under the Plan may be intended to qualify as incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Code or may be non-qualified stock options governed by Section 83 of the Code. Generally, federal income tax is not due from a participant upon the grant of a stock option, and a deduction is not taken by us. Under current tax laws, if a participant exercises a non-qualified stock option, he or she will have taxable income equal to the difference between the market price of the common shares on the exercise date and the stock option grant price. We are entitled to a corresponding deduction on our income tax return. A participant will not have any taxable income upon exercising an incentive stock option after the applicable holding periods have been satisfied (except that the alternative minimum tax may apply), and we will not receive a deduction when an incentive stock option is exercised. The treatment of a disposition of shares acquired through the exercise of a stock option or a non-qualified stock option. We may be entitled to a deduction in the case of a disposition of shares acquired under an incentive stock option before the applicable holding periods have been satisfied.

Generally, taxes are not due from the participant or owed by us when a grant of restricted stock, RSUs or performance based awards is initially made (unless the recipient of a restricted stock award makes election under Section 83(b) of the Code in which case it is taxed at the time of grant), but the award becomes taxable when it is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (*i.e.*, it becomes vested or transferable), in the case of restricted stock, or when shares are issuable in connection with vesting, in the case of an RSU or performance based award. Except with respect to awards for which a Section 83(b) election is made, income tax is paid on the value of the stock units or awards at ordinary

rates when the restrictions lapse, and then at capital gain rates when the shares are sold. Generally, we will be entitled to a deduction equal to the amount of ordinary income recognized by the participant at the time the participant recognizes such income for tax purposes.

The grant of dividend equivalents rights generally will have no federal income tax consequences for the participant. Generally, the participant will recognize ordinary income and/or capital gain, depending on the

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characterization of such distribution as ordinary income and/or capital gain, on the amount distributed to the participant pursuant to such dividend equivalent rights. Generally, we will be entitled to a dividends paid deduction equal to the amount of ordinary income and/or capital gain recognized by the participant at the time the participant recognizes such income for tax purposes.

Section 409A of the Code affects taxation of awards to employees but does not affect our ability to deduct deferred compensation. Section 409A applies to RSUs, performance units, and performance shares. Such grants are taxed at vesting but will be subject to new limits on plan terms governing when vesting may occur. If grants under such plans do not allow employees to elect further deferral on vesting or on distribution, under the regulations, a negative impact should not attach to the grants.

Section 409A of the Code does not apply to incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options (that are not discounted), and restricted stock, provided that there is no deferral of income beyond the vesting date.

As described above, awards granted under the Plan may qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. To qualify, stock options and other awards must be granted under the Plan by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors (as defined under applicable regulations) and satisfy the Plan s limit on the total number of shares that may be awarded to any one participant during any calendar year. In addition, for awards other than stock options to qualify, the grant, issuance, vesting, or retention of the award must be contingent upon satisfying one or more of the performance criteria set forth in the Plan, as established and certified by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors.

#### New Plan Benefits Table

We have not determined the type, amount or recipients of awards under the 2016 plan. Accordingly, we provide the following table which reflects the awards granted in 2015 pursuant to the 2012 Incentive Plan to the persons and groups indicated as if such grants were made pursuant to the 2016 Incentive Plan. All of such awards were in the form of restricted stock that vest on a cliff-vesting basis five years after grant.

	Number of	Dollar
Name and Position	Shares(1)	Value (\$)(2)
Patrick J. Callan, Jr.	18,000	442,800
President and Chief Executive Officer		
Lawrence Ricketts	15,000	369,000
Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President		
David W. Kalish	8,600	211,560
Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President		
Matthew J. Gould	8,600	211,560
Chairman of the Board		
Fredric H. Gould	8,600	211,560
Vice Chairman of the Board		
Executive group (14 persons)	101,400	2,494,440
Non-executive director group (8 persons)	20,000	492,000
Non-executive officer and employee group (33		
persons)	8,575	