

PS BUSINESS PARKS INC/CA

Form 10-K

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-K**

- b **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.**  
**or**
- o **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the transition period from           to**  
**Commission File Number 1-10709**  
**PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**California**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**95-4300881**  
*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

**701 Western Avenue, Glendale, California 91201-2397**  
*(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)*

**818-244-8080**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<b>Title of Each Class</b>	<b>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</b>
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Depository Shares Each Representing 1/1,000 of a Share of 7.000% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series H, \$0.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Depository Shares Each Representing 1/1,000 of a Share of 6.875% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series I, \$0.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Depository Shares Each Representing 1/1,000 of a Share of 7.950% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series K, \$0.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Depository Shares Each Representing 1/1,000 of a Share of 7.600% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series L, \$0.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Depository Shares Each Representing 1/1,000 of a Share of 7.200% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series M, \$0.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Depository Shares Each Representing 1/1,000 of a Share of 7.375% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series O, \$0.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange
Depository Shares Each Representing 1/1,000 of a Share of	American Stock Exchange

6.700% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series P, \$0.01 par value  
per share

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

**None**

*(Title of class)*

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer  Non-accelerated Filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of June 30, 2006, the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$936,035,059 based on the closing price as reported on the American Stock Exchange.

Number of shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding as of February 23, 2007 (the latest practicable date): 21,318,663.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the definitive proxy statement to be filed in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in 2007 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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**PART I.**

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

**The Company**

PS Business Parks, Inc. ( PSB ) is a fully-integrated, self-advised and self-managed real estate investment trust ( REIT ) that acquires, develops, owns and operates commercial properties, primarily multi-tenant flex, office and industrial space. As of December 31, 2006, PSB owned approximately 75% of the common partnership units of PS Business Parks, L.P. (the Operating Partnership or OP ). The remaining common partnership units were owned by Public Storage, Inc. ( PSI or Public Storage ). PSB, as the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, has full, exclusive and complete responsibility and discretion in managing and controlling the Operating Partnership. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references to the Company, we, us, our, and similar references mean PS Business Parks, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including the Operating Partnership.

As of December 31, 2006, the Company owned and operated approximately 18.7 million rentable square feet of commercial space located in eight states: Arizona, California, Florida, Maryland, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. The Company also manages approximately 1.4 million rentable square feet on behalf of PSI and its affiliated entities.

*History of the Company:* The Company was formed in 1990 as a California corporation under the name Public Storage Properties XI, Inc. In a March 17, 1998 merger with American Office Park Properties, Inc. ( AOPP ) (the Merger ), the Company acquired the commercial property business previously operated by AOPP and was renamed PS Business Parks, Inc. Prior to the merger in January, 1997, AOPP was reorganized to succeed to the commercial property business of PSI, becoming a fully integrated, self advised and self managed REIT.

From 1998 through 2001, the Company added 9.7 million square feet in Virginia, Maryland, Texas, Oregon, California and Arizona, acquiring 9.2 million square feet of commercial space from unaffiliated third parties and developing an additional 500,000 square feet.

In 2002, the economy and real estate fundamentals softened. This resulted in an environment in which the Company was unable to identify acquisitions at prices that met its investment criteria. The Company disposed of four properties totaling 386,000 square feet that no longer met its investment criteria.

In 2003, the Company acquired 4.1 million square feet of commercial space from unaffiliated third parties, including a 3.4 million square foot property located in Miami, Florida, which represented a new market for the Company. The Miami property represented approximately 18% of the Company s aggregate rentable square footage at December 31, 2003. The cost of these acquisitions was \$282.4 million. The Company also disposed of four properties totaling 226,000 square feet as well as a one acre plot of land that no longer met its investment criteria.

In 2004, the Company made only one acquisition, a 165,000 square foot asset in Fairfax, Virginia, for \$24.1 million. During 2004, the Company sold two significant assets, comprising 400,000 square feet in Maryland resulting in a gain of \$15.2 million. Additionally in 2004, the Company sold an aggregate of 91,000 square feet in Texas, Oregon and Miami.

In 2005, the Company acquired one asset, a 233,000 square foot multi-tenant flex space in San Diego, California. The asset, which was 94.6% leased at the time of acquisition, was purchased for \$35.1 million. In connection with the acquisition, the Company assumed a \$15.0 million mortgage which bears interest at a fixed rate of 5.73%. During 2005, the Company sold Woodside Corporate Park, a 574,000 square foot flex and office park in Beaverton, Oregon, for \$64.5 million resulting in a gain of \$12.5 million. The park was 76.8% leased at the time of the sale. Additionally in 2005, the Company sold 100,000 square feet and some parcels of land in Miami and Oregon.

In 2006, the Company acquired 1.2 million square feet for an aggregate cost of \$180.3 million. The Company acquired WesTech Business Park, a 366,000 square foot office and flex park in Silver Spring, Maryland, for \$69.3 million; a 88,800 square foot multi-tenant flex park in Signal Hill, California, for \$10.7 million; a 107,300 square

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foot multi-tenant flex park in Chantilly, Virginia, for \$15.8 million, Meadows Corporate Park; a 165,000 square foot multi-tenant office park in Silver Spring, Maryland, for \$29.9 million; Rogers Avenue, a 66,500 square foot multi-tenant industrial and flex park in San Jose, California, for \$8.4 million; and Boca Commerce Park and Wellington Commerce Park, two multi-tenant industrial, flex and storage parks, aggregating 398,000 square feet, located in Palm Beach County, Florida, for \$46.2 million. In connection with the Meadows Corporate Park purchase, the Company assumed a \$16.8 million mortgage with a fixed interest rate of 7.20% through November, 2011, at which time it can be prepaid without penalty. In addition, in connection with the Palm Beach County purchases, the Company assumed three mortgages with a combined total of \$23.8 million with a weighted average fixed interest rate of 5.84%. During 2006, the Company sold a 30,500 square foot building located in Beaverton, Oregon, for \$4.4 million resulting in a gain of \$1.5 million. Additionally in 2006, the Company sold 32,400 square feet in Miami for a combined total of \$3.7 million, resulting in a gain of \$865,000.

The Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 1990. To the extent that the Company continues to qualify as a REIT, it will not be taxed, with certain limited exceptions, on the net income that is currently distributed to its shareholders.

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, California 91201-2397. The Company's telephone number is (818) 244-8080. The Company maintains a website with the address [www.psbusinessparks.com](http://www.psbusinessparks.com). The information contained on the Company's website is not a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company makes available free of charge through its website its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after the Company electronically files such material with, or furnishes such material to, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Business of the Company:* The Company is in the commercial property business, with properties consisting of multi-tenant flex, industrial, and office space. The Company owns approximately 11.5 million square feet of flex space. The Company defines flex space as buildings that are configured with a combination of warehouse and office space and can be designed to fit a wide variety of uses. The warehouse component of the flex space has a number of uses including light manufacturing and assembly, storage and warehousing, showroom, laboratory, distribution and research and development activities. The office component of flex space is complementary to the warehouse component by enabling businesses to accommodate management and production staff in the same facility. The Company owns approximately 3.9 million square feet of industrial space that have characteristics similar to the warehouse component of the flex space. In addition, the Company owns approximately 3.3 million square feet of low-rise office space, generally either in business parks that combine office and flex space or in submarkets where the economics of the market demand an office build-out.

The Company's commercial properties typically consist of low-rise buildings, ranging from one to over fifty buildings per property, located on up to 216 acres and comprising from approximately 12,000 to 3.2 million aggregate square feet of rentable space. Facilities are managed through either on-site management or area offices central to the facilities. Parking is generally open but in some instances is covered. The ratio of parking spaces to rentable square feet ranges from two to six per thousand square feet depending upon the use of the property and its location. Office space generally requires a greater parking ratio than most industrial uses. The Company may acquire properties that do not have these characteristics.

The tenant base for the Company's facilities is diverse. The portfolio can be bifurcated into those facilities that service small to medium-sized businesses and those that service larger businesses. Approximately 39.7% of in-place rents from the portfolio are from facilities that serve small to medium-sized businesses. A property in this facility type is typically divided into units ranging in size from 500 to 4,999 square feet and leases generally range from one to three years. The remaining 60.3% of the in-place rents are derived from facilities that serve larger businesses, with units greater than or equal to 5,000 square feet. The Company also has several tenants that lease space in multiple buildings and locations. The U.S. Government is the largest tenant with leases encompassing 469,000 square feet, in 12 separate locations, or approximately 5.1% of the Company's annual revenue.

The Company intends to continue acquiring commercial properties located in its target markets within the United States. The Company's policy of acquiring commercial properties may be changed by its Board of Directors without

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shareholder approval. However, the Board of Directors has no intention of changing this policy at this time. Although the Company currently owns properties in eight states, it may expand its operations to other states or reduce the number of states in which it operates. Properties are acquired for both income and potential capital appreciation; there is no limitation on the amount that can be invested in any specific property. Although there are no restrictions on our ability to expand our operations into foreign markets, we currently operate solely within the United States and have no foreign operations.

The Company has acquired land for the development of commercial properties. The Company owned approximately 6.4 acres of land in Northern Virginia, 14.9 acres in Portland, Oregon, 1.0 acre in Rockville, Maryland and 10.0 acres in Dallas, Texas as of December 31, 2006.

### **Operating Partnership**

The properties in which the Company has an equity interest will generally be owned by the Operating Partnership. The Company has the ability to acquire interests in additional properties in transactions that could defer the contributors' tax consequences by causing the Operating Partnership to issue equity interests in return for interests in properties.

As the general partner of the Operating Partnership, the Company has the exclusive responsibility under the Operating Partnership Agreement to manage and conduct the business of the Operating Partnership. The Board of Directors directs the affairs of the Operating Partnership by managing the Company's affairs. The Operating Partnership will be responsible for, and pay when due, its share of all administrative and operating expenses of the properties it owns.

The Company's interest in the Operating Partnership entitles it to share in cash distributions from, and the profits and losses of, the Operating Partnership in proportion to the Company's economic interest in the Operating Partnership (apart from tax allocations of profits and losses to take into account pre-contribution property appreciation or depreciation).

### **Summary of the Operating Partnership Agreement**

The following summary of the Operating Partnership Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Operating Partnership Agreement as amended, which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to this report.

*Issuance of Additional Partnership Interests:* As the general partner of the Operating Partnership, the Company is authorized to cause the Operating Partnership from time to time to issue to partners of the Operating Partnership or to other persons additional partnership units in one or more classes, and in one or more series of any of such classes, with such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional, or other special rights, powers and duties (which may be senior to the existing partnership units), as will be determined by the Company, in its sole and absolute discretion, without the approval of any limited partners, except to the extent specifically provided in the agreement. No such additional partnership units, however, will be issued to the Company unless (i) the agreement to issue the additional partnership interests arises in connection with the issuance of shares of the Company, which shares have designations, preferences and other rights, such that the economic interests are substantially similar to the designations, preferences and other rights of the additional partnership units that would be issued to the Company and (ii) the Company agrees to make a capital contribution to the Operating Partnership in an amount equal to the proceeds raised in connection with the issuance of such shares of the Company.

*Capital Contributions:* No partner is required to make additional capital contributions to the Operating Partnership, except that the Company as the general partner is required to contribute the proceeds of the sale of equity interests in the Company to the Operating Partnership in return for additional partnership units. A limited partner may be required to pay to the Operating Partnership any taxes paid by the Operating Partnership on behalf of that limited partner. No partner is required to pay to the Operating Partnership any deficit or negative balance which may exist in its capital account.

*Distributions:* The Company, as general partner, is required to distribute at least quarterly the available cash (as defined in the Operating Partnership Agreement) generated by the Operating Partnership for such quarter.

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Distributions are to be made (i) first, with respect to any class of partnership interests having a preference over other classes of partnership interests; and (ii) second, in accordance with the partners' respective percentage interests on the partnership record date (as defined in the Operating Partnership Agreement). Commencing in 1998, the Operating Partnership's policy has been to make distributions per unit (other than preferred units) that are equal to the per share distributions made by the Company with respect to its common stock.

*Preferred Units:* As of December 31, 2006, the Operating Partnership had an aggregate of 3.3 million preferred units owned by third parties with distribution rates ranging from 7.125% to 7.950% (per annum) with an aggregate stated value of \$82.8 million. The Operating Partnership has the right to redeem each series of preferred units on or after the fifth anniversary of the issuance date of the series at the original capital contribution plus the cumulative priority return, as defined, to the redemption date to the extent not previously distributed. Each series of preferred units is exchangeable for Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the respective series of PS Business Parks, Inc. on or after the tenth anniversary of the date of issuance at the option of the Operating Partnership or a majority of the holders of the applicable series of preferred units.

As of December 31, 2006, in connection with the Company's issuance of publicly traded Cumulative Preferred Stock, the Company owned 24.9 million preferred units of various series with a stated value of \$622.5 million with terms substantially identical to the terms of the publicly traded depository shares each representing 1/1,000 of a share of 6.875% to 8.750% Cumulative Preferred Stock of the Company. On December 15, 2006, the Company called 2.0 million depository shares (\$50.0 million) of its 8.750% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series F for January 29, 2007 redemption. The holders of all series of Preferred Stock may combine to elect two additional directors if the Company fails to make dividend payments for six quarterly dividend payment periods, whether or not consecutive.

*Redemption of Partnership Interests:* Subject to certain limitations described below, each limited partner (other than the Company and holders of preferred units) has the right to require the redemption of such limited partner's units. This right may be exercised on at least 10 days notice at any time or from time to time, beginning on the date that is one year after the date on which such limited partner is admitted to the Operating Partnership (unless otherwise contractually agreed by the general partner).

Unless the Company, as general partner, elects to assume and perform the Operating Partnership's obligation with respect to a redemption right, as described below, a limited partner that exercises its redemption right will receive cash from the Operating Partnership in an amount equal to the redemption amount (as defined in the Operating Partnership Agreement generally to reflect the average trading price of the common stock of the Company over a specified 10 day trading period) for the units redeemed. In lieu of the Operating Partnership redeeming the units for cash, the Company, as the general partner, has the right to elect to acquire the units directly from a limited partner exercising its redemption right, in exchange for cash in the amount specified above as the redemption amount or by issuance of the shares amount (as defined in the Operating Partnership Agreement, generally to mean the issuance of one share of the Company common stock for each unit of limited partnership interest redeemed).

A limited partner cannot exercise its redemption right if delivery of shares of common stock would be prohibited under the articles of incorporation of the Company or if in the opinion of counsel to the general partner there is a significant risk that delivery of shares of common stock would cause the general partner to no longer qualify as a REIT, would cause a violation of the applicable securities or certain antitrust laws, or would result in the Operating Partnership no longer being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

*Limited Partner Transfer Restrictions:* Limited partners generally may not transfer partnership interests (other than to their estates, immediate family or certain affiliates) without the prior written consent of the Company as general partner, which consent may be given or withheld in its sole and absolute discretion. The Company, as general partner, has a right of first refusal to purchase partnership interests proposed to be sold by the limited partners. Transfers must comply with applicable securities laws and regulations. Transfers of partnership interests generally are not permitted if the transfer would be made through certain trading markets or adversely affect the Company's ability to qualify as a REIT or could subject the Company to any additional taxes under Section 857 or Section 4981 of the Code.



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*Management:* The Operating Partnership is organized as a California limited partnership. The Company, as the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, has full, exclusive and complete responsibility and discretion in managing and controlling the Operating Partnership, except as provided in the Operating Partnership Agreement and by applicable law. The limited partners of the Operating Partnership have no authority to transact business for, or participate in the management activities or decisions of, the Operating Partnership except as provided in the Operating Partnership Agreement and as permitted by applicable law. The Operating Partnership Agreement provides that the general partner may not be removed by the limited partners. In exercising its authority under the agreement, the general partner may take into account (but is not required to do so) the tax consequences to any partner of actions or inaction and is under no obligation to consider the separate interests of the limited partners.

However, the consent of the limited partners holding a majority of the interests of the limited partners (including limited partnership interests held by the Company) generally will be required to amend the Operating Partnership Agreement. Further, the Operating Partnership Agreement cannot be amended without the consent of each partner adversely affected if, among other things, the amendment would alter the partner's rights to distributions from the Operating Partnership (except as specifically permitted in the Operating Partnership Agreement), alter the redemption right, or impose on the limited partners an obligation to make additional capital contributions.

The consent of all limited partners will be required to (i) take any action that would make it impossible to carry on the ordinary business of the Operating Partnership, except as otherwise provided in the Operating Partnership Agreement; or (ii) possess Operating Partnership property, or assign any rights in specific Operating Partnership property, for other than an Operating Partnership purpose, except as otherwise provided in the Operating Partnership Agreement. In addition, without the consent of any adversely affected limited partner, the general partner may not perform any act that would subject a limited partner to liability as a general partner in any jurisdiction or any other liability except as provided in the Operating Partnership Agreement or under California law.

*Extraordinary Transactions:* The Operating Partnership Agreement provides that the Company may not engage in any business combination, defined to mean any merger, consolidation or other combination with or into another person or sale of all or substantially all of its assets, any reclassification, any recapitalization (other than certain stock splits or stock dividends) or change of outstanding shares of common stock, unless (i) the limited partners of the Operating Partnership will receive, or have the opportunity to receive, the same proportionate consideration per unit in the transaction as shareholders of the Company (without regard to tax considerations); or (ii) limited partners of the Operating Partnership (other than the general partner) holding at least 60% of the interests in the Operating Partnership held by limited partners (other than the general partner) vote to approve the business combination. In addition, the Company, as general partner of the Operating Partnership, has agreed in the Operating Partnership Agreement with the limited partners of the Operating Partnership that it will not consummate a business combination in which the Company conducted a vote of shareholders unless the matter is also submitted to a vote of the partners.

The foregoing provision of the Operating Partnership Agreement would under no circumstances enable or require the Company to engage in a business combination which required the approval of shareholders if the shareholders of the Company did not in fact give the requisite approval. Rather, if the shareholders did approve a business combination, the Company would not consummate the transaction unless the Company as general partner first conducts a vote of partners of the Operating Partnership on the matter. For purposes of the Operating Partnership vote, the Company shall be deemed to vote its partnership interest in the same proportion as the shareholders of the Company voted on the matter (disregarding shareholders who do not vote). The Operating Partnership vote will be deemed approved if the votes recorded are such that if the Operating Partnership vote had been a vote of shareholders, the business combination would have been approved by the shareholders. As a result of these provisions of the Operating Partnership, a third party may be inhibited from making an acquisition proposal for the Company that it would otherwise make, or the Company, despite having the requisite authority under its articles of incorporation, may not be authorized to engage in a proposed business combination.

*Indemnification:* The Operating Partnership Agreement generally provides that the Company and its officers and directors and the limited partners of the Operating Partnership will be indemnified and held harmless by the Operating Partnership for matters that relate to the operations of the Operating Partnership unless it is established that (i) the act or omission of the indemnified person was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and either was

committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; (ii) the indemnified person

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actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the indemnified person had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order or settlement does not create a presumption that the indemnified person did not meet the requisite standards of conduct set forth above. The termination of any proceeding by conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, or an entry of an order of probation prior to judgment, creates a rebuttable presumption that the indemnified person did not meet the requisite standard of conduct set forth above. Any indemnification so made shall be made only out of the assets of the Operating Partnership or through insurance obtained by the Operating Partnership. The general partner shall not be liable for monetary damages to the partnership, any partners or any assignees for losses sustained, liabilities incurred or benefits not derived as a result of errors in judgment or of any act or omissions if the general partner acted in good faith.

*Duties and Conflicts:* The Operating Agreement allows the Company to operate the Operating Partnership in a manner that will enable the Company to satisfy the requirements for being classified as a REIT. The Company intends to conduct all of its business activities, including all activities pertaining to the acquisition, management and operation of properties, through the Operating Partnership. However, the Company may own, directly or through subsidiaries, interests in Operating Partnership properties that do not exceed 1% of the economic interest of any property, and if appropriate for regulatory, tax or other purposes, the Company also may own, directly or through subsidiaries, interests in assets that the Operating Partnership otherwise could acquire, if the Company grants to the Operating Partnership the option to acquire the assets within a period not to exceed three years in exchange for the number of partnership units that would be issued if the Operating Partnership had acquired the assets at the time of acquisition by the Company.

*Term:* The Operating Partnership will continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2096 or until sooner dissolved upon the withdrawal of the general partner (unless the limited partners elect to continue the Operating Partnership), or by the election of the general partner (with the consent of the holders of a majority of the partnerships interests if such vote is held before January 1, 2056), in connection with a merger or the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Operating Partnership, or by judicial decree.

*Other Provisions:* The Operating Partnership Agreement contains other provisions affecting its operations and management, limited partner access to certain business records, responsibility for expenses and reimbursements, tax allocations, distribution of certain reports, winding-up and liquidation, the granting by the limited partners of powers of attorney to the general partner, the rights of holders of particular series of preferred units, and other matters.

**Cost Allocation and Administrative Services**

Pursuant to a cost sharing and administrative services agreement, the Company shares costs with PSI and affiliated entities for certain administrative services. These services include employee relations, administration, management information systems, legal, corporate tax and office services. Under this agreement, costs are allocated to the Company in accordance with its proportionate share of these costs. These allocated costs totaled \$320,000, \$335,000 and \$327,000 for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

**Common Officers and Directors with PSI**

Ronald L. Havner, Jr., Chairman of the Company, is the Chief Executive Officer and President of PSI. Harvey Lenkin, retired president of PSI, is a Director of both the Company and PSI. The Company engages additional executive personnel who render services exclusively for the Company. However, it is expected that certain officers of PSI will continue to render services for the Company as requested.

**Property Management**

The Company continues to manage commercial properties owned by PSI and its affiliates, which are generally adjacent to mini-warehouses, for a fee of 5% of the gross revenues of such properties in addition to reimbursement of direct costs. The property management contract with PSI is for a seven-year term with the agreement automatically extending for successive one-year terms (unless cancelled by either party). PSI can cancel the property management contract upon 60 days notice while the Operating Partnership can cancel it upon seven years notice. Management fee revenue derived from these management contracts with PSI and its affiliates totaled \$625,000, \$579,000 and \$562,000 for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.



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### **Management**

Joseph D. Russell, Jr. (47) leads the Company's senior management team. Mr. Russell is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Company's executive management includes: John Petersen (43), Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Edward A. Stokx (41), Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Brett Franklin (42), Senior Vice President, Acquisitions and Dispositions; Maria R. Hawthorne (47), Senior Vice President (East Coast); Coby Holley (37), Vice President (Pacific Northwest Division), Robin E. Mather (44), Vice President (Southern California Division); William A. McFaul (41), Vice President (Maryland Division); and Viola Sanchez (44) Vice President (Southeast Division).

### **REIT Structure**

If certain detailed conditions imposed by the Code and the related Treasury Regulations are met, an entity, such as the Company, that invests principally in real estate and that otherwise would be taxed as a corporation may elect to be treated as a REIT. The most important consequence to the Company of being treated as a REIT for federal income tax purposes is that the Company can deduct dividend distributions (including distributions on preferred stock) to its shareholders, thus effectively eliminating the double taxation (at the corporate and shareholder levels) that typically results when a corporation earns income and distributes that income to shareholders in the form of dividends.

The Company believes that it has operated, and intends to continue to operate, in such a manner as to qualify as a REIT under the Code, but no assurance can be given that it will at all times so qualify. To the extent that the Company continues to qualify as a REIT, it will not be taxed, with certain limited exceptions, on the taxable income that is distributed to its shareholders.

### **Operating Strategy**

The Company believes its operating, acquisition and finance strategies combined with its diversified portfolio produces a lower risk, higher growth business model. The Company's primary objective is to grow shareholder value. Key elements of the Company's growth strategy include:

*Maximize Net Cash Flow of Existing Properties:* The Company seeks to maximize the net cash flow generated by its properties by (i) maximizing average occupancy rates, (ii) achieving higher levels of realized monthly rents per occupied square foot and (iii) reducing its operating cost structure by improving operating efficiencies and economies of scale. The Company believes that its experienced property management personnel and comprehensive systems combined with increasing economies of scale will enhance the Company's ability to meet these goals. The Company seeks to increase occupancy rates and realized monthly rents per square foot by providing its field personnel with incentives to lease space to higher credit tenants and to maximize the return on investment in each lease transaction. The Company seeks to reduce its cost structure by controlling capital expenditures associated with re-leasing space by acquiring and owning properties with easily reconfigured space that appeal to a wide range of tenants.

*Focus on Targeted Markets:* The Company intends to continue investing in markets that have characteristics which enable them to be competitive economically. The Company believes that markets with some combination of above average population growth, education levels and personal income will produce better overall economic returns. As of December 31, 2006, substantially all of the Company's square footage was located in these targeted core markets. The Company targets individual properties in those markets that are close to important services and universities and have easy access to major transportation arteries.

*Reduce Expenditures and Increase Occupancy Rates by Providing Flexible Properties and Attracting a Diversified Tenant Base:* By focusing on properties with easily reconfigurable space, the Company believes it can offer facilities that appeal to a wide range of potential tenants, which aids in reducing the capital expenditures associated with re-leasing space. The Company believes this property flexibility also allows it to better serve existing tenants by accommodating their inevitable expansion and contraction needs. In addition, the Company believes that a diversified tenant base and property flexibility helps it maintain high occupancy rates during periods when market demand is weak, by enabling it to attract a greater number of potential users to its space.

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*Provide Superior Property Management:* The Company seeks to provide a superior level of service to its tenants in order to achieve high occupancy and rental rates, as well as minimal customer turnover. The Company's property management offices are primarily located on-site or regionally located, providing tenants with convenient access to management and helping the Company maintain its properties and convey a sense of quality, order and security. The Company has significant experience in acquiring properties managed by others and thereafter improving tenant satisfaction, occupancy levels, renewal rates and rental income by implementing established tenant service programs.

**Financing Strategy**

The Company's primary objective in its financing strategy is to maintain financial flexibility and a low risk capital structure using permanent capital to finance its growth. Key elements of this strategy are:

*Retain Operating Cash Flow:* The Company seeks to retain significant funds (after funding its distributions and capital improvements) for additional investments. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company distributed 31.2% of its funds from operations ( FFO ) to common shareholders/unit holders. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company distributed 33.0% of its FFO to common shareholders/unit holders. The increase in FFO is primarily due to net operating income from acquired properties partially offset by the increase in non-cash distributions associated with preferred equity redemptions. FFO is computed in accordance with the White Paper on FFO approved by the Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ( NAREIT ). The White Paper defines FFO as net income, computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ), before depreciation, amortization, minority interest in income and extraordinary items. FFO is a non-GAAP financial measure and should be analyzed in conjunction with net income. However, FFO should not be viewed as a substitute for net income as a measure of operating performance as it does not reflect depreciation and amortization costs or the level of capital expenditure and leasing costs necessary to maintain the operating performance of the Company's properties, which are significant economic costs and could materially impact the Company's results of operations. Other REITs may use different methods for calculating FFO and, accordingly, the Company's FFO may not be comparable to other real estate companies' funds from operations. See Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Non-GAAP Supplemental Disclosure Measure: Funds from Operations, for a reconciliation of FFO and net income allocable to common shareholders and for information on why the Company presents FFO.

*Perpetual Preferred Stock/Units:* The primary source of leverage in the Company's capital structure is perpetual preferred stock or equivalent preferred units in the operating partnership. This method of financing eliminates interest rate and refinancing risks because the dividend rate is fixed and the stated value or capital contribution is not required to be repaid. In addition, the consequences of defaulting on required preferred distributions is less severe than with debt. The preferred shareholders may elect two additional directors if six quarterly distributions go unpaid, whether or not consecutive.

*Debt Financing:* The Company has used debt financing to a limited degree. The primary source of debt that the Company relies upon to provide short term capital is its \$100.0 million unsecured line of credit with Wells Fargo. In the past, the Company also had an unsecured term loan in the amount of \$50.0 million. This term loan was repaid in 2004. From time to time, the Company has also borrowed funds on a short term basis from PSI.

*Access to Acquisition Capital:* The Company seeks to maintain a ratio of FFO to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions paid of 3.0 to 1.0. Fixed charges include interest expense and capitalized interest. Preferred distributions include amounts paid to preferred shareholders and preferred Operating Partnership unit holders. For the year ended December 31, 2006, the FFO to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions paid ratio was 2.9 to 1.0, excluding the effects of Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) Topic D-42. The fixed charge ratio was below the Company's objective of 3.0x as the Company issued preferred equity in 2006 in anticipation of redeeming higher rate preferred equity in 2006 and early 2007, which resulted in a higher level of preferred distributions. The Company believes that its financial position will enable it to access capital to finance its future growth. Subject to market conditions, the Company may add leverage to its capital structure. Throughout this Form 10-K, we use the term preferred equity to mean both the preferred stock issued by the Company and the preferred partnership units issued by the Operating Partnership and the term preferred distributions to mean dividends and distributions on the preferred stock and preferred partnership units.



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### **Competition**

Competition in the market areas in which many of the Company's properties are located is significant and has reduced the occupancy levels and rental rates of, and increased the operating expenses of, certain of these properties. Competition may be accelerated by any increase in availability of funds for investment in real estate. Barriers to entry are relatively low for those with the necessary capital and the Company competes for property acquisitions and tenants with entities that have greater financial resources than the Company. Recent increases in sublease space and unleased developments are expected to further intensify competition among operators in certain market areas in which the Company operates.

The Company's properties compete for tenants with similar properties located in its markets primarily on the basis of location, rent charged, services provided and the design and condition of improvements. The Company believes it possesses several distinguishing characteristics that enable it to compete effectively in the flex, office and industrial space markets. The Company believes its personnel are among the most experienced in these real estate markets. The Company's facilities are part of a comprehensive system encompassing standardized procedures and integrated reporting and information networks. The Company believes that the significant operating and financial experience of its executive officers and directors combined with the Company's capital structure, national investment scope, geographic diversity and economies of scale should enable the Company to compete effectively.

### **Investments in Real Estate Facilities**

As of December 31, 2006, the Company owned and operated approximately 18.7 million rentable square feet compared to approximately 17.6 million rentable square feet at December 31, 2005. The net increase in rentable square feet was due to the acquisition of approximately 1.2 million square feet to its portfolio, partially offset by the disposition of facilities that were identified by management as not meeting the Company's ongoing investment strategy.

### **Summary of Business Model**

The Company has a diversified portfolio. It is diversified geographically in eight states and has a diversified customer mix by size and industry concentration. The Company believes that this diversification combined with a conservative financing strategy, focus on markets with strong demographics for growth and our operating strategy gives the Company a business model that mitigates risk and provides strong long-term growth opportunities.

### **Restrictions on Transactions with Affiliates**

The Company's Bylaws provide that the Company may engage in transactions with affiliates provided that a purchase or sale transaction with an affiliate is (i) approved by a majority of the Company's independent directors and (ii) fair to the Company based on an independent appraisal or fairness opinion.

### **Borrowings**

As of December 31, 2006, the Company had outstanding mortgage notes payable of \$67.0 million. See Notes 5 and 6 to the consolidated financial statements for a summary of the Company's outstanding borrowings as of December 31, 2006.

In August of 2005, the Company modified the term of its line of credit (the Credit Facility) with Wells Fargo Bank. The Credit Facility has a borrowing limit of \$100.0 million and matures on August 1, 2008. Interest on outstanding borrowings is payable monthly. At the option of the Company, the rate of interest charged is equal to (i) the prime rate or (ii) a rate ranging from the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 0.50% to LIBOR plus 1.20% depending on the Company's credit ratings and coverage ratios, as defined (currently LIBOR plus 0.65%). In addition, the Company is required to pay an annual commitment fee ranging from 0.15% to 0.30% of the borrowing limit (currently 0.20%). In connection with the modification of the Credit Facility, the Company paid a fee of \$450,000, which will be amortized over the life of the Credit Facility. The Company had no balance outstanding on its Credit Facility at December 31, 2006 and 2005.



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The Credit Facility requires the Company to meet certain covenants including (i) maintain a balance sheet leverage ratio (as defined) of less than 0.45 to 1.00, (ii) maintain interest and fixed charge coverage ratios (as defined) of not less than 2.25 to 1.00 and 1.75 to 1.00, respectively, (iii) maintain a minimum tangible net worth (as defined) and (iv) limit distributions to 95% of funds from operations (as defined) for any four consecutive quarters. In addition, the Company is limited in its ability to incur additional borrowings (the Company is required to maintain unencumbered assets with an aggregate book value equal to or greater than two times the Company's unsecured recourse debt; the Company did not have any unsecured recourse debt at December 31, 2006) or sell assets. The Company was in compliance with the covenants of the Credit Facility at December 31, 2006.

In February, 2004, the Company repaid, in full, the \$50.0 million unsecured term note agreement with Fleet National Bank. The Company incurred interest at LIBOR plus 1.45% per annum. During July, 2002, the Company entered into an interest rate swap transaction which resulted in a fixed LIBOR rate of 3.01% for the term loan resulting in an all in rate of 4.46% per annum on the term loan. The unsecured note required the Company to meet covenants that were substantially the same as the covenants in the Credit Facility.

The Company has broad powers to borrow in furtherance of the Company's objectives. The Company has incurred in the past, and may incur in the future, both short-term and long-term indebtedness to increase its funds available for investment in real estate, capital expenditures and distributions.

**Employees**

As of December 31, 2006, the Company employed 144 individuals, primarily personnel engaged in property operations. The Company believes that its relationship with its employees is good and none of the employees are represented by a labor union.

**Insurance**

The Company believes that its properties are adequately insured. Facilities operated by the Company have historically been covered by comprehensive insurance, including fire, earthquake, liability and extended coverage from nationally recognized carriers.

**Environmental Matters**

Compliance with laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, including those regarding the discharge of material into the environment, has not had any material effects upon the capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position of the Company.

Substantially all of the Company's properties have been subjected to Phase I environmental reviews. Such reviews have not revealed, nor is management aware of, any probable or reasonably possible environmental costs that management believes would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, assets or results of operations, nor is the Company aware of any potentially material environmental liability.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

In addition to the other information in this Form 10-K, the following factors should be considered in evaluating our company and our business.

**Public Storage has significant influence over us.**

At December 31, 2006, Public Storage and its affiliates owned 25.4% of the outstanding shares of our common stock and 25.5% of the outstanding common units of our operating partnership (100.0% of the common units not owned by us). Assuming conversion of its partnership units PSI would own 44.5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Also, Ronald L. Havner, Jr., our Chairman of the Board, is also Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director of Public Storage and Harvey Lenkin, one of our Directors, is also a Director of Public Storage. Consequently, Public Storage has the ability to significantly influence all matters submitted to a vote of our

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shareholders, including electing directors, changing our articles of incorporation, dissolving and approving other extraordinary transactions such as mergers, and all matters requiring the consent of the limited partners of the operating partnership. In addition, Public Storage's ownership may make it more difficult for another party to acquire us without Public Storage's approval.

### **Provisions in our organizational documents may prevent changes in control.**

*Our articles generally prohibit owning more than 7% of our shares:* Our articles of incorporation restrict the number of shares that may be owned by any other person, and the partnership agreement of our operating partnership contains an anti-takeover provision. No shareholder (other than Public Storage and certain other specified shareholders) may own more than 7% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, unless our board of directors waives this limitation. We imposed this limitation to avoid, to the extent possible, a concentration of ownership that might jeopardize our ability to qualify as a REIT. This limitation, however, also makes a change of control much more difficult (if not impossible) even if it may be favorable to our public shareholders. These provisions will prevent future takeover attempts not approved by Public Storage even if a majority of our public shareholders consider it to be in their best interests because they would receive a premium for their shares over the shares' then market value or for other reasons.

*Our board can set the terms of certain securities without shareholder approval:* Our board of directors is authorized, without shareholder approval, to issue up to 50.0 million shares of preferred stock and up to 100.0 million shares of Equity Stock, in each case in one or more series. Our board has the right to set the terms of each of these series of stock. Consequently, the board could set the terms of a series of stock that could make it difficult (if not impossible) for another party to take over our company even if it might be favorable to our public shareholders. Our articles of incorporation also contain other provisions that could have the same effect. We can also cause our operating partnership to issue additional interests for cash or in exchange for property.

*The partnership agreement of our operating partnership restricts mergers:* The partnership agreement of our operating partnership generally provides that we may not merge or engage in a similar transaction unless the limited partners of our operating partnership are entitled to receive the same proportionate payments as our shareholders. In addition, we have agreed not to merge unless the merger would have been approved had the limited partners been able to vote together with our shareholders, which has the effect of increasing Public Storage's influence over us due to Public Storage's ownership of operating partnership units. These provisions may make it more difficult for us to merge with another entity.

### **Our operating partnership poses additional risks to us.**

Limited partners of our operating partnership, including Public Storage, have the right to vote on certain changes to the partnership agreement. They may vote in a way that is against the interests of our shareholders. Also, as general partner of our operating partnership, we are required to protect the interests of the limited partners of the operating partnership. The interests of the limited partners and of our shareholders may differ.

### **We would incur adverse tax consequences if we fail to qualify as a REIT.**

*Our cash flow would be reduced if we fail to qualify as a REIT:* While we believe that we have qualified since 1990 to be taxed as a REIT, and will continue to be so qualified, we cannot be certain. To continue to qualify as a REIT, we need to satisfy certain requirements under the federal income tax laws relating to our income, assets, distributions to shareholders and shareholder base. In this regard, the share ownership limits in our articles of incorporation do not necessarily ensure that our shareholder base is sufficiently diverse for us to qualify as a REIT. For any year we fail to qualify as a REIT, we would be taxed at regular corporate tax rates on our taxable income unless certain relief provisions apply. Taxes would reduce our cash available for distributions to shareholders or for reinvestment, which could adversely affect us and our shareholders. Also we would not be allowed to elect REIT status for five years after we fail to qualify unless certain relief provisions apply.

*We may need to borrow funds to meet our REIT distribution requirements:* To qualify as a REIT, we must generally distribute to our shareholders 90% of our taxable income. Our income consists primarily of our share of our Operating Partnership's income. We intend to make sufficient distributions to qualify as a REIT and otherwise

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avoid corporate tax. However, differences in timing between income and expenses and the need to make nondeductible expenditures such as capital improvements and principal payments on debt could force us to borrow funds to make necessary shareholder distributions.

**Since we buy and operate real estate, we are subject to general real estate investment and operating risks.**

*Summary of real estate risks:* We own and operate commercial properties and are subject to the risks of owning real estate generally and commercial properties in particular. These risks include:

the national, state and local economic climate and real estate conditions, such as oversupply of or reduced demand for space and changes in market rental rates;

how prospective tenants perceive the attractiveness, convenience and safety of our properties;

difficulties in consummating and financing acquisitions and developments on advantageous terms and the failure of acquisitions and developments to perform as expected;

our ability to provide adequate management, maintenance and insurance;

our ability to collect rent from tenants on a timely basis;

the expense of periodically renovating, repairing and reletting spaces;

environmental issues;

compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state, and local laws and regulations;

increasing operating costs, including real estate taxes, insurance and utilities, if these increased costs cannot be passed through to tenants;

changes in tax, real estate and zoning laws;

increase in new commercial properties in our market;

tenant defaults and bankruptcies;

tenant's right to sublease space; and

concentration of properties leased to non-rated private companies.

Certain significant costs, such as mortgage payments, real estate taxes, insurance and maintenance, generally are not reduced even when a property's rental income is reduced. In addition, environmental and tax laws, interest rate levels, the availability of financing and other factors may affect real estate values and property income. Furthermore, the supply of commercial space fluctuates with market conditions.

If our properties do not generate sufficient income to meet operating expenses, including any debt service, tenant improvements, leasing commissions and other capital expenditures, we may have to borrow additional amounts to cover fixed costs, and we may have to reduce our distributions to shareholders.

*We may be unable to consummate acquisitions and developments on advantageous terms or acquisitions and developments may fail to perform as expected:* We continue to seek to acquire and develop flex, industrial and office properties where they meet our criteria and we believe that they will enhance our future financial performance and the value of our portfolio. Our belief, however, is based on and is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are forward-looking and are uncertain in nature or are beyond our control, including the risks that our acquisitions and developments may not perform as expected, that we may be unable to quickly integrate new

acquisitions and developments into our existing operations and that any costs to develop projects or redevelop acquired properties may exceed estimates. Further, we face significant competition for suitable acquisition properties from other real estate investors, including other publicly traded real estate investment trusts and private institutional investors. As a result, we may be unable to acquire additional properties we desire or the purchase price for desirable properties may be significantly increased. Moreover, some of these properties may have unknown characteristics or deficiencies or may not complement our portfolio of existing properties. In addition, we may finance future acquisitions and developments through a combination of borrowings, proceeds from equity or debt offerings by us or the operating partnership, and proceeds from property divestitures. These financing options may not be available when desired or required or may be more costly than anticipated, which could adversely affect our cash flow. Real property development is subject to a number of risks, including construction delays, complications in obtaining necessary zoning, occupancy and other governmental permits, cost overruns, financing risks, and the possible inability to meet expected occupancy and rent levels. If any of these problems occur, development costs for a project may increase, and there may be costs incurred for projects that are not completed. As a result of the foregoing, some properties may be worth less or may generate less revenue

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than, or simply not perform as well as, we believed at the time of acquisition or development, negatively affecting our operating results. Any of the foregoing risks could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flow, and our ability to pay dividends on, and the market price of our stock.

*We may encounter significant delays and expense in reletting vacant space, or we may not be able to relet space at existing rates, in each case resulting in losses of income:* When leases expire, we will incur expenses in retrofitting space and we may not be able to release the space on the same terms. Certain leases provide tenants with the right to terminate early. Our properties as of December 31, 2006 generally have lower vacancy rates than the average for the markets in which they are located, and leases accounting for 18.9% of our annual rental income expire in 2007. While we have estimated our cost of renewing leases that expire in 2007, our estimates could be wrong. If we are unable to release space promptly, if the terms are significantly less favorable than anticipated or if the costs are higher, we may have to reduce our distributions to shareholders.

*Tenant defaults and bankruptcies may reduce our cash flow and distributions:* We may have difficulty in collecting from tenants in default, particularly if they declare bankruptcy. This could affect our cash flow and distributions to shareholders. Since many of our tenants are non-rated private companies, this risk may be enhanced. Subsequent to December 31, 2006, a tenant occupying approximately 134,000 square feet defaulted on its lease. The Company is currently pursuing legal action against the tenant and is uncertain of the outcome. While the Company historically has experienced a low level of write-offs due to bankruptcy, there is inherent uncertainty in a tenant's ability to continue paying rent if they are in bankruptcy. As of December 31, 2006, the Company had approximately 18,000 square feet occupied by a tenant protected by Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Given the historical uncertainty of a tenant's ability to meet its lease obligations, we will continue to reserve any income that would have been realized on a straight line basis. From time to time, tenants have contacted us, requesting early termination of their lease, reduction in space under lease, rent deferment or abatement. At this time, the Company cannot anticipate what impact, if any, the ultimate outcome of these discussions will have on our operating results.

*We may be adversely affected by significant competition among commercial properties:* Many other commercial properties compete with our properties for tenants. Some of the competing properties may be newer and better located than our properties. We also expect that new properties will be built in our markets. Also, we compete with other buyers, many of which are larger than us, for attractive commercial properties. Therefore, we may not be able to grow as rapidly as we would like.

*We may be adversely affected if casualties to our properties are not covered by insurance:* We carry insurance on our properties that we believe is comparable to the insurance carried by other operators for similar properties. However, we could suffer uninsured losses or losses in excess of policy limits for such occurrences such as earthquakes that adversely affect us or even result in loss of the property. We might still remain liable on any mortgage debt or other unsatisfied obligations related to that property.

*The illiquidity of our real estate investments may prevent us from adjusting our portfolio to respond to market changes:* There may be delays and difficulties in selling real estate. Therefore, we cannot easily change our portfolio when economic conditions change. Also, tax laws limit a REIT's ability to sell properties held for less than four years.

*We may be adversely affected by changes in laws:* Increases in income and service taxes may reduce our cash flow and ability to make expected distributions to our shareholders. Our properties are also subject to various federal, state and local regulatory requirements, such as state and local fire and safety codes. If we fail to comply with these requirements, governmental authorities could fine us or courts could award damages against us. We believe our properties comply with all significant legal requirements. However, these requirements could change in a way that would reduce our cash flow and ability to make distributions to shareholders.

*We may incur significant environmental remediation costs:* Under various federal, state and local environmental laws, an owner or operator of real estate may have to clean spills or other releases of hazardous or toxic substances on or from a property. Certain environmental laws impose liability whether or not the owner knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of the hazardous or toxic substances. In some cases, liability may exceed the value of the property. The presence of toxic substances, or the failure to properly remedy any resulting contamination, may

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make it more difficult for the owner or operator to sell, lease or operate its property or to borrow money using its property as collateral. Future environmental laws may impose additional material liabilities on us.

**We are affected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires that access and use by disabled persons of all public accommodations and commercial properties be facilitated. Existing commercial properties must be made accessible to disabled persons. While we have not estimated the cost of complying with this act, we do not believe the cost will be material. We have an ongoing program to bring our properties into what we believe is compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**We depend on external sources of capital to grow our company.**

We are generally required under the Internal Revenue Code to distribute at least 90% of our taxable income. Because of this distribution requirement, we may not be able to fund future capital needs, including any necessary building and tenant improvements, from operating cash flow. Consequently, we may need to rely on third-party sources of capital to fund our capital needs. We may not be able to obtain the financing on favorable terms or at all. Access to third-party sources of capital depends, in part, on general market conditions, the market's perception of our growth potential, our current and expected future earnings, our cash flow, and the market price per share of our common stock. If we cannot obtain capital from third-party sources, we may not be able to acquire properties when strategic opportunities exist, satisfy any debt service obligations, or make cash distributions to shareholders.

**Our ability to control our properties may be adversely affected by ownership through partnerships and joint ventures.**

We own most of our properties through our operating partnership. Our organizational documents do not prevent us from acquiring properties with others through partnerships or joint ventures. This type of investment may present additional risks. For example, our partners may have interests that differ from ours or that conflict with ours, or our partners may become bankrupt. During 2001, we entered into a joint venture arrangement that held property subject to debt. This joint venture has been liquidated and all debts paid; however, we may enter into similar arrangements with the same partner or other partners.

**We can change our business policies and increase our level of debt without shareholder approval.**

Our board of directors establishes our investment, financing, distribution and our other business policies and may change these policies without shareholder approval. Our organizational documents do not limit our level of debt. A change in our policies or an increase in our level of debt could adversely affect our operations or the price of our common stock.

**We can issue additional securities without shareholder approval.**

We can issue preferred equity, common stock and equity stock without shareholder approval. Holders of preferred stock have priority over holders of common stock, and the issuance of additional shares of stock reduces the interest of existing holders in our company.

**Increases in interest rates may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.**

One of the factors that influences the market price of our common stock is the annual rate of distributions that we pay on our common stock, as compared with interest rates. An increase in interest rates may lead purchasers of REIT shares to demand higher annual distribution rates, which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

**Shares that become available for future sale may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.**

Substantial sales of our common stock, or the perception that substantial sales may occur, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock. As of December 31, 2006, Public Storage owned 25.4% of the outstanding

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shares of our common stock (44.5% upon conversion of its interest in our operating partnership). These shares, as well as shares of common stock held by certain other significant shareholders, are eligible to be sold in the public market, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.

**We depend on key personnel.**

We depend on our key personnel, including Ronald L. Havner, Jr., our Chairman of the Board, and Joseph D. Russell, Jr., our President and Chief Executive Officer. The loss of Mr. Havner, Mr. Russell, or other key personnel could adversely affect our operations. We maintain no key person insurance on our key personnel.

**Terrorist attacks and the possibility of wider armed conflict may have an adverse impact on our business and operating results and could decrease the value of our assets.**

Terrorist attacks and other acts of violence or war, such as those that took place on September 11, 2001, could have a material adverse impact on our business and operating results. There can be no assurance that there will not be further terrorist attacks against the United States or its businesses or interests. Attacks or armed conflicts that directly impact one or more of our properties could significantly affect our ability to operate those properties and thereby impair our operating results. Further, we may not have insurance coverage for all losses caused by a terrorist attack. Such insurance may not be available, or if it is available and we decide to obtain such terrorist coverage, the cost for the insurance may be significant in relationship to the risk overall. In addition, the adverse effects that such violent acts and threats of future attacks could have on the U.S. economy could similarly have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Finally, further terrorist acts could cause the United States to enter into a wider armed conflict which could further impact our business and operating results.

**Change in taxation of corporate dividends may adversely affect the value of our shares.**

The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, enacted on May 28, 2003, generally reduces to 15% the maximum marginal rate of federal tax payable by individuals on dividends received from a regular C corporation. This reduced tax rate, however, does not apply to dividends paid to individuals by a REIT on its shares except for certain limited amounts. The earnings of a REIT that are distributed to its shareholders are still generally subject to less federal income taxation on an aggregate basis than earnings of a non-REIT C corporation that are distributed to its shareholders net of corporate-level income tax. The Jobs and Growth Tax Act, however, could cause individual investors to view stocks of regular C corporations as more attractive relative to shares of REITs than was the case prior to the enactment of the legislation because the dividends from regular C corporations, which previously were taxed at the same rate as REIT dividends, are now taxed at a maximum marginal rate of 15% while REIT dividends are taxed at a maximum marginal rate of 35%. We cannot estimate what effect, if any, the enactment of this legislation has had on the value of our common stock, either in terms of price or relative to other investments.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

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As of December 31, 2006, the Company owned approximately 11.5 million square feet of flex space, 3.9 million square feet of industrial space and 3.3 million square feet of office space concentrated primarily in nine markets consisting of Southern and Northern California, Southern and Northern Texas, South Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Oregon and Arizona. The weighted average occupancy rate throughout 2006 was 93.4% and the average realized rental revenue per square foot was \$14.37.

The following table contains information about all properties owned by the Company as of December 31, 2006 and the weighted average occupancy rates throughout 2006 (except as set forth below, all of the properties are held in fee simple interest) (*in thousands*):

Location	Rentable Square Footage			Total	Weighted Average Occupancy Rate
	Flex	Industrial	Office		
<b>Arizona</b>					
Mesa	78			78	85.8%
Phoenix	310			310	95.1%
Tempe	291			291	94.9%
	679			679	94.0%
<b>Northern California</b>					
Hayward		407		407	91.4%
Monterey			12	12	100.0%
Sacramento			367	367	95.4%
San Jose	457			457	94.0%
San Ramon			52	52	99.2%
Santa Clara	178			178	100.0%
So. San Francisco	94			94	94.5%
	729	407	431	1,567	94.6%
<b>Southern California</b>					
Buena Park		317		317	99.1%
Carson	77			77	95.2%
Cerritos		395	31	426	97.6%
Culver City	146			146	98.0%
Irvine			160	160	97.2%
Laguna Hills	614			614	97.1%
Lake Forest	297			297	95.8%
Monterey Park	199			199	95.0%
Orange			108	108	90.7%
San Diego (2)	768			768	95.7%
Santa Ana			437	437	92.3%
Signal Hill	267			267	95.0%
Studio City	22			22	