ACADIA REALTY TRUST Form 8-K July 28, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 24, 2017

ACADIA REALTY TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 1-12002 23-2715194

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

411 Theodore Fremd Avenue

Suite 300

Rye, New York 10580

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(914) 288-8100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 25, 2017, Acadia Realty Trust (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its consolidated financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2017. A copy of this press release is attached to this report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, on July 25, 2017, the Company made available supplemental information concerning the ownership, operations and portfolio of the Company as of and for the quarter ended June 30, 2017. A copy of this supplemental information is attached to this report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information included in this Item 2.02, including the information included in Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 attached hereto, is intended to be furnished solely pursuant to this Item 2.02, and is not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act") or the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Sections 11 and 12 (a) (2) of the Securities Act.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On June 27, 2017, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company authorized and approved an amendment to Section 6.1 of the Company's Declaration of Trust, effective as of its filing on July 24, 2017 to increase the number of authorized shares from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000 and change the par value of the authorized and undesignated shares of beneficial interest of the Company from without par value to \$0.001 par value per share. As previously reported, the increase in authorized shares had been recommended by the Board and approved by the Company's shareholders at its annual meeting held on May 10, 2017 (the "Annual Meeting").

The foregoing description of the amendment to the Company's Declaration of Trust is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of such amendment attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the Annual Meeting, the Company's shareholders voted, among other matters, on an advisory basis, as to the frequency with which executive compensation will be subject to future advisory shareholder votes. As previously reported, the greatest number of votes was cast in favor of every "One-Year".

In accordance with the Board's recommendation as set forth in the Company's proxy statement for the Annual Meeting and consistent with the stated preference of the Company's shareholders, the Board has determined that future advisory shareholder votes on executive compensation will be conducted on an annual basis, until the next advisory vote on this matter is held.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

3.1 Sixth Amendment to the Declaration of Trust dated July 24, 2017.

99.1 Press release of the Company dated July 25, 2017.

<u>99.2</u> Financial and Operating Reporting Supplement of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2017.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: ACADIA REALTY TRUST

(Registrant)

July 28, 2017 By: /s/ John Gottfried

Name: John Gottfried Title: Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Michael A. Bender

392,381

Gregg A. Seibert (8)

237,292 *

Mark L. Manheimer (8)

190,409 *

Phillip D. Joseph, Jr. (8)

87,862

Ryan A. Berry

46,657 *

Kevin M. Charlton

36,655 *

Sheli Z. Rosenberg

34,885 *

Nicholas P. Shepherd

32,165 *

Richard I. Gilchrist

32,165 *

David J. Gilbert

32,165 *

Diane M. Morefield

32,165 *

Todd A. Dunn

32,165 *

Michelle M. Greenstreet (8)

24,121

Thomas D. Senkbeil

23,457 *

All Directors, Director Nominees and Executive Officers as a Group (15 persons)

2,122,730 0.5%

^{*}Represents less than 1.0%.

⁽¹⁾ Assumes 443,435,556 shares of our common stock are outstanding as of March 31, 2016.

⁽²⁾ Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2016, The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) has sole power to vote or direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 948,999 and 61,814,322 shares of our common stock, respectively; and has shared power to vote or direct the vote, and shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 338,700 and 661,888 shares of our common stock, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, Vanguard was the beneficial owner of 62,476,210 shares of the common stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its servicing as an investment manager of collective accounts. The number of shares reported as beneficially owned by Vanguard in the Schedule 13G/A includes 31,828,095 shares, representing 7.20% of our outstanding common stock, that Vanguard Specialized Funds - Vanguard REIT Index Fund (Vanguard REIT Fund) separately reported as beneficially owned in a Schedule 13G/A

filed on February 9, 2016 with the SEC. According to Vanguard REIT Fund s Schedule 13G/A, Vanguard REIT Fund has sole voting power over 31,828,095 shares and no dispositive power over any shares of our common stock. The address for Vanguard is 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355.

- (3) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 16, 2016, Cohen & Steers, Inc. (Cohen & Steers) has sole power to vote or direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 28,658,807 and 53,760,330 shares of our common stock, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cohen & Steers, was the beneficial owner of 53,014,464 shares of the common stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its servicing as an investment manager of collective trust accounts. As of December 31, 2015, Cohen & Steers UK Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cohen & Steers, was the beneficial owner of 745,866 shares of the common stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its servicing as an investment manager of collective accounts. The address of the principal business office for Cohen & Steers and Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. is 280 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10017. The principal address for Cohen & Steers UK Ltd., is 21 Sackville Street, 4th Floor, London, United Kingdom W1S 3DN.
- (4) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016, BlackRock, Inc. (BlackRock) has sole power to vote or direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 22,872,262 and 24,506,036 shares of our common stock,

respectively. As of December 31, 2015, BlackRock was the beneficial owner of 24,506,036 shares of the common stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its servicing as an investment manager of collective trust accounts. The address for Blackrock is 55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10055.

- (5) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016, CBRE Clarion Securities, LLC. (CBRE) has sole power to vote or direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 11,660,329 and 23,648,129 shares of our common stock, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, CBRE was the beneficial owner of 23,648,129 shares of the common stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its servicing as an investment manager of collective trust accounts. The address of the principal business office for CBRE is 201 King of Prussia Road, Suite 600, Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 29, 2016, JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPMorgan) has sole power to vote or direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 16,652,935 and 22,825,090 shares of our common stock, respectively; and has shared power to vote or direct the vote, and shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 298,369 and 1,034 shares of our common stock, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, JPMorgan was the beneficial owner of 22,826,124 shares of the common stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its servicing as an investment manager of collective trust accounts. The address for JPMorgan is 270 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.
- (7) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 27, 2016, Daiwa Asset Management Co. Ltd. (Daiwa) has sole power to vote or direct the vote, and sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 22,535,502 and 14,600 shares of our common stock, respectively; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 22,520,902 shares of our common stock. As of December 31, 2015, Daiwa was the beneficial owner of 22,535,502 shares of the common stock outstanding of the Company. The address for Daiwa is GranTokyo North Tower, 9-1 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-6753.
- ⁽⁸⁾ Number includes shares of restricted stock over which grantees generally have all rights other than transferability and which remain subject to forfeiture under the award agreements pursuant to which they were made. Messrs. Nolan, Joseph, Seibert, Manheimer and Ms. Greenstreet have unvested restricted shares of 269,609, 74,815, 86,723, 67,685 and 24,121, respectively, excluding shares potentially awardable under performance share awards made to Messrs. Nolan, Joseph, Seibert and Manheimer.

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

Equity Compensation Plan Table: The following table provides information with respect to shares of our common stock that may be issued under our existing equity compensation plan. The following table provides information as of December 31, 2015 regarding compensation plans under which our equity securities are authorized for issuance:

	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options,	\	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under
Plan Category	Warrants and Rights (2)		Rights (\$) (3)	Equity Compensation Plans
Equity	487,725	\$	9.10	752,900
compensation				

plans approved by stockholders			
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders			
Total	487,725	\$ 9.10	752,900

- (1) Consists of (a) shares of common stock reserved for future issuance pursuant to our 2012 Incentive Award Plan, which was initially adopted by our Board in connection with the closing of our IPO in 2012, and (b) 15,000 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options issued pursuant to the Cole Credit Property Trust II, Inc. 2004 Independent Directors Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Includes (a) 472,725 target performance shares that have been granted, but not yet issued as of December 31, 2015, and (b) 15,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options. Grantees are eligible to vest in up to 250% of the target number of performance shares.
- (3) Represents the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options. The performance shares do not have an exercise or strike price.

PROPOSALS REQUIRING YOUR VOTE

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nine directors currently serve on our Board. Following the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board has nominated each individual presently serving as a director, for election at the Annual Meeting. Pursuant to our By-Laws, in uncontested elections (which is the case for the Annual Meeting), a majority of votes cast is required for the election of each director. The number of votes cast for a director-nominee must exceed the number of votes cast against that nominee. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes for or against a director-nominee and, therefore, will have no effect.

Below is certain biographical and other information concerning the persons nominated for election as directors, which is based upon statements made or confirmed to us by or on behalf of these nominees, except to the extent certain information appears in our records. Ages shown for all nominees are as of the date of the Annual Meeting. Following each nominee s biographical

information, we have provided information concerning the particular experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board to determine that such nominee should serve as a director. In addition, a substantial majority of the nominees serve or have served on boards and board committees (including, in many cases, as board or committee chairs) of other public companies, which we believe provides them with essential leadership experience, exposure to corporate governance best practices and substantial knowledge and skills that enhance the functioning of our Board.

We do not have a staggered Board. Each director elected at the Annual Meeting will hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies, or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. Each nominee listed below has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and has agreed to serve as a director if elected, and we expect each nominee to be able to serve if elected. If any nominee is unable or unwilling to accept his or her election or is unavailable to serve for any reason, the persons named as proxies will have authority, according to their judgment, to vote or refrain from voting for such alternate nominee as may be designated by the Board.

Nominees for Board of Directors: Spirit is committed to solid corporate governance practices, which we believe serves the long-term interests of our stockholders by promoting effective risk oversight, management accountability and helps us compete more effectively. The Company is governed by a nine-member Board, and our current Board has nominated the following nine persons, all of whom are current directors of the Company for re-election at the Annual Meeting to serve for a one-year term ending at the annual meeting in 2017 and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualify.

Age: 58

Thomas H. Nolan, Jr.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 2011

Business Experience: Mr. Nolan previously worked for General Growth Properties, Inc., (NYSE: GGP) serving as Chief Operating Officer from March 2009 to December 2010 and as President from October 2008 to December 2010. He also served as a member of the board of directors of GGP from 2005 to 2010. GGP filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in April 2009 and emerged from bankruptcy in November 2010. Mr. Nolan was a member of the senior management team that led GGP s reorganization and emergence from bankruptcy, which included the restructuring of \$15.0 billion in project-level debt, payment in full of all of GGP s pre-petition creditors and the securing of \$6.8 billion in equity commitments. From July 2004 to February 2008, Mr. Nolan served as a Principal and Chief Financial Officer of Loreto Bay Company, the developer of the Loreto Bay master planned community in Baja, California. From October 1984 to July 2004, Mr. Nolan held various financial positions with AEW Capital Management, L.P., a national real estate investment advisor, and from 1998 to 2004, he served as Head of Equity Investing and as President and Senior Portfolio Manager of The AEW Partners Funds.

Skills and Qualifications: Mr. Nolan was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on his public company executive management experience, capital markets knowledge and public company board experience, and specifically, his extensive experience in the real estate investment industry and knowledge of public real estate investment trusts. Please see the discussion above under Board of Directors Leadership Structure for a discussion of why the Board believes Mr. Nolan s service as both Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer is in the best

interest of the Company and its stockholders.

Current Public Company Directorships: Washington REIT (NYSE: WRE).

Other Directorships: Former member of the board of directors for General Growth Properties, Inc. (NYSE: GGP).

Education: Mr. Nolan earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts.

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Age: 50

Director since 2009

Compensation Committee

Kevin M. Charlton

Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee

Business Experience: Mr. Charlton is the Managing Partner of River Hollow Partners, a private equity firm that focuses on manufacturing, distribution, consumer products and retail investments of lower-middle market companies across the U.S. He is primarily responsible for capital formation and investment sourcing activities as well as portfolio company management. From August 2009 to June 2013, Mr. Charlton was a Managing Director in the Principal Transactions Group of Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc., leading a team that oversaw its existing portfolio of North American investments. From August 2002 to June 2009, Mr. Charlton worked as a Managing Director at Investcorp International. Prior to August 2002, he worked for JPMorgan Chase, McKinsey & Company, and as a contractor in the Astrophysics Division at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Skills and Qualifications: Mr. Charlton was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on his extensive experience and knowledge of finance and capital markets, his experience with growth companies, mergers and acquisitions, and his experience as a member of boards of directors.

Current Public Company Directorships: Mr. Charlton is currently the President, Chief Operating Officer, and a Board Member of Hennessy Capital Acquisition Corporation II, a publicly traded blank check company and successor to HCAC described below.

Other Directorships: Mr. Charlton was also the President & Chief Operating Officer, and a member of the Board of Directors, of Hennessy Capital Acquisition Corp. (HCAC), a publicly traded blank check company founded by Daniel J. Hennessy. In February 2015, HCAC successfully completed the acquisition of the Blue Bird Bus Company, at which point Mr. Charlton resigned from his positions. In addition, he has served on the boards of directors of more than 20 private companies and their subsidiaries in a variety of roles.

Education: Mr. Charlton graduated from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and has graduate and undergraduate degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan and Princeton University.

Todd A. Dunn

Age: 52

Director since 2012

Audit Committee

Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee

Business Experience: Mr. Dunn has served as an Executive Advisor to Aurora Capital Group since 2012. Previously, he served as Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the board of directors of United Plastics Group, a manufacturer of injection-molded plastic components to the medical, automotive, industrial and consumer sectors, from 2010 until it was sold to MedPlast, a portfolio company of Baird Capital Partners, in April 2012. From 2003 to 2009, Mr. Dunn worked for FleetPride, Inc., an independent distributor of heavy duty truck and trailer parts, serving as President and Chief Executive Officer as well as a member of the board of directors from 2005 to 2009; Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer from 2004 to 2005 and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tartan Textiles, Inc. and, from 1998 to 1999, served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Quality Distribution Service Partners. From 1989 to 1998, Mr. Dunn worked for SLM Power Group, Inc. serving as Business Manager and as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. From 1985 to 1989, Mr. Dunn worked for First City BanCorporation of Texas/First City Bank of Corpus Christi.

Skills and Qualifications: Mr. Dunn was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on his extensive experience as a successful operating executive, his knowledge and experience with growth companies and risk oversight and management, and his capital markets and financial knowledge and expertise.

Current Public Company Directorships: None

Other Directorships: Mr. Dunn currently serves as a director of Ames Taping Tools, a designer, manufacturer, marketer and distributor of automatic taping and finishing tools. Mr. Dunn also serves as a director of Restaurant Technologies, Inc., a national provider of closed-loop cooking oil solutions to the U.S. restaurant and hospitality markets

Education: Mr. Dunn received a BBA in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Age: 58

Director since 2012

Compensation Committee

David J. Gilbert

(Chair)

Business Experience: Since 2010, Mr. Gilbert has served as President and Chief Investment Officer and Head of Acquisitions for Clarion Partners, a real estate investment company formerly owned by ING Group. Mr. Gilbert is also responsible for Clarion Partners Research and Investment Strategy Group, ensuring that research is fully integrated into all phases of the investment process. Mr. Gilbert joined Clarion Partners in 2007 as a Managing Director and Global Head of the ING Global Opportunity Fund. From 2005 to 2007, he worked as a Managing Director and head of the Alternative Real Estate Group at JPMorgan Asset Management and, from 1998 to 2004, he worked as a General Partner and head of the Worldwide Real Estate Group at JPMorgan Partners, which is the private equity branch of JPMorgan Chase. He also served as the Co-Chairman of The Peabody Funds, an \$830 million global real estate opportunity fund jointly sponsored by JPMorgan Partners and The O Connor Group, from 2001 to 2004. From 1996 to 1998, Mr. Gilbert served as a Senior Investment Officer of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and, from 1982 to 1996, worked in the real estate industry in various positions at JPMorgan & Company, Prudential Real Estate Investors, First Boston Corporation and Salomon Brothers, Inc. From 1980 to 1982, Mr. Gilbert worked for Price Waterhouse as an auditor and consultant.

Skills and Qualifications: Mr. Gilbert was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on his over 30 years experience in the real estate industry and with real estate investment trust business models, his experience as a successful operating executive, and his capital markets and financial knowledge and expertise.

Current Public Company Directorships: None

Other Directorships: Mr. Gilbert is a member of Clarion Partners executive board, compensation committee and operating committee, as well as Chairman of its investment committee. Mr. Gilbert is a member of the Board of Directors for the Pension Real Estate Association and on the Board of Trustees for the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

Education: Mr. Gilbert received a BA in accounting from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a MBA in real estate finance from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

	Age: 70
	Director since 2012
	Lead Independent Director
Richard I. Gilchrist	Compensation Committee

Business Experience: Since 2011, Mr. Gilchrist has served as Senior Advisor responsible for acquisitions and investments at The Irvine Company a privately-held real estate investment company. From 2006 to 2011, he served as President of The Irvine Company s Investment Properties Group. From 2002 to 2006, he served as President and Co-Chief Executive Officer and on the board of directors of Maguire Properties, Inc., a publicly-held REIT. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Gilchrist served as Chief Executive Officer, President and member of the board of directors of Commonwealth Atlantic Properties, a privately-held REIT. From 1995 to 1997, he served as the Co-Chairman and Managing Partner of CommonWealth Partners, a real estate company he co-founded. From 1982 to 1995, Mr. Gilchrist worked at Maguire Thomas Partners, serving as General Counsel from 1982 to 1984, was Partner from 1984 to 1985, and Senior Partner from 1985 to 1995. Mr. Gilchrist co-founded the real estate law firm of Gilchrist & Rutter in 1982 and also worked as an attorney at Flint & MacKay from 1971 to 1981.

Skills and Qualifications: Mr. Gilchrist was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on his extensive experience in the real estate industry, including having served as an executive officer of several private REITs and one public REIT, his knowledge and experience in internal and external risk oversight, and his experience as a member of the board of directors of two public REITs. He is a member of the Real Estate Roundtable and former member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

Current Public Company Directorships: He currently serves on the board of directors of two publicly-traded REITs, Ventas, Inc. (NYSE:VTR) and Tier REIT (NYSE:TIER). He serves on the executive compensation committee as well as the nominating and governance committee of Ventas, Inc., and is the Chairman of the Board of Tier REIT. Mr. Gilchrist also serves on the Executive Compensation as well as the Nominating and Governance committees of Tier REIT.

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Other Directorships: Mr. Gilchrist is a member of the Whittier College Board of Trustees and served as its Chairman from 2003 to 2011. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. He also served on the nominating and governance committee and compensation committee of BioMed Realty Trust, serving as the Chairman of the BioMed compensation committee until 2014. From 2008 to 2011, Mr. Gilchrist served on the Nationwide Health Properties Board and sat on the Compensation Committee, as well as Chairman of the Investment Committee.

Education: Mr. Gilchrist earned a BA from Whittier College and a JD from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

Age: 57

Director since 2012

Diane M. Morefield Audit Committee (Chair)

Business Experience: From April 2010 through December 2015, Ms. Morefield served as the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (NYSE:BEE), a publicly-traded REIT that owns luxury hotels and resorts. She also served on Strategic Hotels & Resorts executive management committee, which executed the sale of the company to the Blackstone Group in December 2015. From December 2009 to March 2010, Ms. Morefield served as a Senior Consultant at CTS Holdings, Inc., a business advisory and project management firm. From November 2007 through June 2009, Ms. Morefield served as Chief Financial Officer of Equity International, a privately-held investment company focused exclusively on real estate related businesses operating outside of the United States. Within her capacity at Equity International, Ms. Morefield was responsible for financial reporting, investor relations, portfolio management, and treasury and was actively involved in significant capital raising. From July 1997 to September 2006, Ms. Morefield was employed by Equity Office Properties Trust, the largest publicly-traded office REIT and owner of office buildings in the United States, serving as Regional Senior Vice President for the company s Midwest region from 2004 to 2006 and Senior Vice President Investor Relations from 1997 to 2004. Ms. Morefield worked as a Senior Manager of the Solutions Consulting Group of Deloitte & Touche LLP from 1994 to 1997. From 1983 to 1993, she worked at Barclays Bank, serving as Vice President/Team Leader of the Real Estate Group from 1986 to 1993, Assistant Vice President in 1985 and a loan officer from 1983 to 1984. From 1980 to 1983, Ms. Morefield worked as an Auditor at Arthur Andersen & Co.

Skills and Qualifications: Ms. Morefield was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on her extensive experience in the real estate industry and with REIT business models, including her recent service as an executive officer and chief financial officer of a public REIT and experience as an operating executive of several private real estate companies, her internal and external risk oversight expertise, and her capital markets and financial knowledge and expertise.

Current Public Company Directorships: None.

Other Directorships: Ms. Morefield is a Member of The Chicago Network, Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Program and serves on the Economic Development Advisory Council for Cook County.

Education: Ms. Morefield has completed board of director training at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She received a BS in Accountancy from the University of Illinois and a MBA from The University of Chicago.

Age: 74

Director since 2013

Compensation Committee

Sheli Z. Rosenberg

Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee

Business Experience: Ms. Rosenberg currently serves as Principal of Roselin Investments, as well as a consultant to the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, for whom she was Counsel from May 2011 until becoming a consultant to them in January 2014. Ms. Rosenberg is the former President, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Equity Group Investments, L.L.C. She joined Equity Group Investments, L.L.C in 1994 as General Counsel and was Chief Executive Officer from 1999 to 2000 and Vice Chairman from 2000 to 2003, before departing in 2003. Prior to joining Equity Group Investments, L.L.C., Ms. Rosenberg was a principal of the law firm of Rosenberg & Liebentritt from 1980 to 1997. Ms. Rosenberg was an adjunct professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University from 2003 until 2007. A recognized advocate for women in business, she is a co-founder and former President of the Center for Executive Women at the Kellogg School, where she continues to serve on the Center s steering committee.

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Skills and Qualifications: Ms. Rosenberg was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on her extensive experience in the real estate industry, including having served as an executive officer of a public REIT, her knowledge and experience in internal and external risk oversight, and her extensive experience as a member of the board of directors of public REITs.

Current Public Company Directorships: Equity LifeStyle Properties, Inc. (NYSE: ELS)

Other Directorships: Former member of the board of directors for Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (NYSE: BEE) until its privatization in 2015, Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR), General Growth Properties (NYSE: GGP), CVS Caremark Corporation (NYSE: CVS), Capital Trust, Inc., a finance and investment management company focused on the commercial real estate industry, Avis Budget Group (NASDAQ: CAR), Nanosphere Inc. (NASDAQ: NSPH) and a former trustee of Equity Residential and Equity Office Properties.

Education: Ms. Rosenberg received a BA from Tufts University and a JD from the Northwestern University School of Law.

Age: 66 Director since 2013 Audit <u>Committee</u>

Thomas D. Senkbeil

Business Experience: Since 2009, Mr. Senkbeil formed, and has served as Managing Partner of Senkbeil & Associates, which invests in multifamily properties and provides consulting and advisory services to investment firms, developers, and lenders. Since January 2013, Mr. Senkbeil has also served as a principal of Iron Tree Capital, LLC, a boutique real estate investment and advisory firm. From January 2009 through December 2012, Mr. Senkbeil served as the Managing Director of Sealy and Co. and SCS Ventures. From July 2003 to December 2008, Mr. Senkbeil was the Chief Investment Officer and Executive Vice President of Post Properties, Inc., which owns and manages upscale multi-family apartment communities. Prior to joining Post Properties, Inc., he served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Carter & Associates. He served as a board member and the Chief Investment Officer of Duke Realty Corporation until his departure in 2000. From 1992 to 1999, Mr. Senkbeil was a director and the Chief Investment Officer of Weeks Corporation, a publicly traded REIT that was a predecessor by merger to Duke Realty Corporation. He was instrumental in Weeks Corporation s initial public offering, as well as its subsequent growth and merger with Duke Realty Corporation. He served as the Chairman of NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, in 1996.

Skills and Qualifications: Mr. Senkbeil was nominated by our Board to serve as a director based on his extensive experience in the real estate industry, including having served as an executive officer of a public REIT, his

experience as a successful operating executive, and his capital markets and financial knowledge and expertise.

Current Public Company Directorships: None.

Other Directorships: Mr. Senkbeil currently serves on the Board of Directors of Barron Collier Companies, which is involved in land development in the businesses of agriculture, real estate, and mineral management. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

Education: Mr. Senkbeil received a BS from Auburn University and a MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina.

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Age: 57

Director since 2012

Nominating & Corporate Governance
Committee (Chair)

Nicholas P. Shepherd

Business Experience: From 2009 to 2015, Mr. Shepherd served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of TGI Fridays Inc. From 1995 to 2007, Mr. Shepherd worked for Blockbuster, Inc., serving as the Chief Operating Officer during 2007, President of Blockbuster North American from 2004 to 2007, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing and Merchandising Officer from 2001 to 2004, Senior Vice President, International from 1998 to 2001 and Vice President and General Manager from 1995 to 1999. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Shepherd served as a Divisional Officer of Comet Group PLC, an electronics retailer in the UK and, from 1991 to 1993, served as a Senior Partner and founder of The Service Practice, which specialized in the development and performance measurement of service systems for retail businesses. From 1986 to 1991, Mr. Shepherd worked for Grand Metropolitan PLC, serving as the General Manager of Pastificio Restaurants from 1989 to 1991, Head of European Operations of Continental Restaurants from 1988 to 1989 and Brand Development Director of the Retail Enterprise Group from 1986 to 1988. He worked as an Operations Manager for Allied Lyons PLC from 1985 to 1986 and as an Operations Manager and Brand Development Manager for Whitbread PLC from 1979 to 1985. Currently, Mr. Shepherd works as a Private Investor and Advisor.

Skills and Qualifications: Mr. Shepherd was selected by our Board of Directors to serve as a director based on his experience as a successful operating executive, and his knowledge and experience with growth companies and risk oversight and management.

Current Public Company Directorships: None.

Other Directorships: From 2012 to 2014, Mr. Shepherd served on the Board of Carlson Wagon Lit Travel, the largest Global B-to-B Travel company (a joint venture between Carlson and JPMorgan Chase). From 2009 until 2014, Mr. Shepherd served on the board of directors of Carlson Restaurants Inc. and as Chairman of the board of directors of TGI Friday s Inc. During 2008, Mr. Shepherd served as Chairman of the board of directors and Chief Executive Officer of Sagittarius Brands, Inc., a private restaurant holding company which owned and operated the Del Taco and Captain D s restaurant brands.

Education: Mr. Shepherd earned his bachelor s degree in business management and hospitality from Sheffield Hallamshire University.

Nominees Skills, Experience and Qualifications: The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meets, at a minimum, annually and performs an assessment of the skills and experience needed to properly oversee the interests of the Company. Upon review of the Company s short- and long-term strategies and goals, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee determines the mix of skills and experience to be represented on the recommended slate of nominees for the upcoming year.

At an appropriate time prior to each annual meeting at which directors are to be elected or re-elected, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends to the Board for nomination by the Board such candidates as the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, in the exercise of its judgment, has found to possess a collective mix of skills and experience necessary to properly oversee the interests of the Company for the following year. Certain of these skills and

qualifications are set forth in the matrix below, demonstrating the Nominating and Governance Committee s assessment of the nominees possession of these attributes.

NOMINEES SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY	Nolan, Thomas H. Jr	Charlton, Kevin M.		Gilbert, David J.	Gilchrist, Richard I.		Rosenberg, Sheli Z.		Shepherd, Nicholas P.
INDEPENDENCE: Pursuant to NYSE standards		ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
FINANCIAL EXPERT: Pursuant to SEC rules and NYSE standards	ü		ü	ü		ü		ü	
FINANCIALLY LITERATE: Able to read and evaluate financial statements and ask critical questions	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
SUCCESSFUL OPERATING EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE: General business acumen and leadership	ü		ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
GROWTH COMPANY EXPERIENCE: Knowledge and experience in driving growth and how it is achieved	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü

REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE: General real estate experience and knowledge	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
REIT EXPERIENCE: Deep expertise in REIT business models	ü			ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	
M & A EXPERIENCE: Success in effectively integrating mergers and acquisitions that are strategic to a business	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü		ü	ü
CAPITAL MARKETS KNOWLEDGE: Understands how capital markets work, their structures, how business is capitalized and how best to participate and raise money	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
EXTERNAL RISK OVERSIGHT: Experience in assessing external risk and ensuring an effective risk management strategy	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
INTERNAL RISK OVERSIGHT: Experience mitigating investment, people and other internal risks	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
HUMAN RESOURCES: Experience in successful succession	ü	ü		ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü

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planning and evaluating and measuring effective team performance									
LEGAL: Experience in compliance oversight, use of outside counsel and leveraging other legal resources			ü	ü	ü		ü	ü	ü
PUBLIC COMPANY: Experience as executive or board member with a public company	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü

PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Ernst & Young LLP audited our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 and has been our independent registered public accounting firm since our 2012 IPO. An affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting on the matter is required to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. The Board recommends that you vote **FOR** the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016.

The Audit Committee of the Board has selected Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2016 and has further directed that management submit the selection of Ernst & Young LLP for ratification by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. A representative of Ernst & Young LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she so desires and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Stockholder ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm is not required by the Bylaws or otherwise. However, the Board is submitting the selection of Ernst & Young LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee may reconsider whether or not to retain Ernst & Young LLP in the future. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm and at any time during the year if the Audit Committee Determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company.

Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm: The following table reflects the fees paid to Ernst & Young LLP for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	Fisc	Fiscal Year Ended December 31,				
		2015		2014		
Audit Fees	\$	1,544	\$	1,596		
Tax Fees		218		542		
All Other Fees		2		2		
Total Fees	\$	1,764	\$	2,140		

Audit Fees: Includes audit of our annual financial statements, including the integrated audit of internal control over financial reporting, review of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and issuance of consents and issuance of comfort letters for due diligence in conjunction with certain market offerings.

Tax Fees: Includes tax preparation services and domestic tax planning and advice.

All Other Fees: Includes access to online accounting research tools.

All of the services performed by Ernst & Young LLP for the Company during 2015 were either expressly pre-approved by the Audit Committee or were pre-approved in accordance with the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy, and the Audit Committee was provided with regular updates as to the nature of such services and fees paid for such services.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy: The Audit Committee s policy is to pre-approve all significant audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services and is generally subject to a specific budget. Our independent registered public accounting firm and management are required to periodically report to the Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with this pre-approval, and the fees for the services performed to date. The Audit Committee may also pre-approve particular services on a case-by-case basis.

PROPOSAL 3: APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED SPIRIT REALTY CAPITAL, INC. AND SPIRIT REALTY, L.P. 2012 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN

Stockholders are being asked to approve the Amended and Restated Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. and Spirit Realty, L.P. 2012 Incentive Award Plan. The Amended Plan was approved by the Board on March 30, 2016.

The Board recommends that you vote **FOR** the adoption of this resolution approving the Amended and Restated Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. and Spirit Realty, L.P. 2012 Incentive Award Plan.

PROPOSAL 4: ADVISORY VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Dodd-Frank Act enables our stockholders to vote to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in accordance with SEC rules. Our Board has determined that a non-binding, advisory vote to approve our executive compensation program will be submitted to our stockholders on an annual basis. Our next non-binding, advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers is expected to be held at the 2017 annual meeting of the stockholders.

The Board recommends that you vote **FOR** the adoption of this resolution approving, on a non-binding, advisory basis the compensation of our Named Executive Officers, as such compensation is described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation and the accompanying narrative disclosure set forth in this Proxy Statement.

Annual Report on Form 10-K: Our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K accompanies this Proxy Statement. Stockholders may obtain a copy of the 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, excluding exhibits, without charge upon request to our Investor Relations Department, 16767 North Perimeter Drive, Suite 210, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260. Electronic copies of these documents are also available for downloading on the Investor Relations section of the Company s website at www.spiritrealty.com. Copies of the exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K will be provided to any requesting stockholder, provided that such stockholder agrees to reimburse us for our reasonable costs to provide those exhibits.

Incorporation by Reference: The Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation, the Audit Committee Report, reference to the independence of the Audit Committee members, portions of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, and any information included on our website, included or described in the preceding pages are not deemed filed with the SEC and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any prior or future filings made by us under the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate such information by reference.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Under SEC rules, any stockholder proposal intended to be presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by us at our principal executive offices at 16767 N. Perimeter Drive, Suite 210, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260 not later than December 12, 2016 and meet the requirements of our Bylaws and Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act to be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for that meeting. Any such proposal should be sent to the attention of our Investor Relations Department.

Under our Bylaws, stockholders must follow certain procedures to introduce an item for business or to nominate a person for election as a director at an annual meeting. For director nominations and other stockholder proposals, the stockholder must give timely notice in writing to our Investor Relations Department at our principal executive offices and such proposal must be a proper subject for stockholder action. To be timely, we must receive notice of a stockholder s intention to make a nomination or to propose an item of business at our 2017 Annual Meeting at least 120 days, but not more than 150 days, prior to the anniversary of this year s Annual Meeting (May 11, 2017); however, if we hold our 2017 Annual Meeting more than 30 days before or after such anniversary date, we must receive the notice not earlier than the 150th day prior to the 2017 Annual Meeting date or the tenth day following the date on which we first publicly announce the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting, whichever occurs later. For any other meeting, we must receive notice of a stockholder s intention to make a nomination or to propose an item of business not earlier than the 120th day and not later than the 90th day prior to the date of such meeting or the tenth day following the date on which we first publicly announce the date of such meeting, whichever occurs later.

Stockholders may obtain a copy of our Bylaws upon request and without charge from the Investor Relations Department at Spirit Realty Capital, Inc., 16767 North Perimeter Drive, Suite 210, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260. If we do not receive timely notice pursuant to our Bylaws, the proposal will be excluded from consideration at the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, we know of no business that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting other than the items referred to above. If any other matter is properly brought before the meeting for action by stockholders, proxies in the enclosed form returned to us will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors or, in the absence of such a recommendation, in accordance with the discretion of the proxy holders.

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ANNEX A: NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(\$ IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

Funds from Operations and Adjusted Funds from Operations

	_	ear Ended nber 31, 2015
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	114,730
Add/(less):		
Portfolio depreciation and amortization		
Continuing operations		260,257
Discontinued operations		
Portfolio impairment		
Continuing operations		69,236
Discontinued operations		34
Realized (gain) on sales of real estate (1)		(89,571)
Funds from operations (FFO) attributable to common stockholders Add/(less):	\$	354,686
Loss on debt extinguishment		3,162
Restructuring charges		7,056
Real estate acquisition costs		2,739
Non-cash interest expense		10,367
Accrued interest and fees on defaulted loans		7,649
Non-cash revenues		(20,930)
Non-cash compensation expense		13,321
Adjusted funds from operations (AFFO) attributable to common stockholders	\$	378,050
AFFO per share of common stock (diluted) (2) (3)	\$	0.87
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (diluted)		432,545,625

⁽¹⁾ Includes amounts related to discontinued operations.

Adjusted Debt, Adjusted EBITDA and Annualized Adjusted EBITDA

	December 31, 2015
Revolving credit facilities	\$
Term Loan, net	322,902
Mortgages and Notes Payable, net	3,079,787

⁽²⁾ Assumes the issuance of potentially issuable shares unless the result would be anti-dilutive.

⁽³⁾ AFFO per share for the year ended December 31, 2015 deducts dividends paid to participating stockholders of \$0.7 million in its computation.

Convertible Notes, net 690,098

	4,092,787
Add/(less):	
Preferred stock	
Unamortized debt discount, net	52,203
Unamortized deferred financing costs	41,577
Cash and cash equivalents	(21,790)
Cash reserves on deposit with lenders as additional security classified as other assets	(24,660)
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Total adjustments	47,330
Adjusted Debt (1)	\$ 4,140,117

	 Three Months Ended December 31, 2015		
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 11,348		
Add/(less) (2):			
Interest	54,147		
Depreciation and amortization	65,173		
Income tax (benefit)	(106)		
Total adjustments	119,214		
EBITDA	\$ 130,562		
Add/(less) (2):			
Restructuring charges	6,956		
Real estate acquisition costs	617		
Impairments	13,506		
Realized gain on sales of real estate	(6,993)		
Loss on debt extinguishment	5,651		
Total adjustments to EBITDA	19,737		
Adjusted EBITDA (3)	150,299		
Annualized Adjusted EBITDA (4)	\$ 601,196		
Adjusted Debt / Annualized Adjusted EBITDA (5)	6.9		

- (1) Adjusted Debt represents interest bearing debt (reported in accordance with GAAP) adjusted to exclude unamortized debt discount/premium and deferred financing costs, as further reduced by cash and cash equivalents and cash reserves on deposit with lenders as additional security. By excluding unamortized debt discount/premium and deferred financing costs, cash and cash equivalents, and cash reserves on deposit with lenders as additional security, the result provides an estimate of the contractual amount of borrowed capital to be repaid, net of cash available to repay it. We believe this calculation constitutes a beneficial supplemental non-GAAP financial disclosure to investors in understanding our financial condition.
- (2) Adjustments include all amounts charged to continuing and discontinued operations.
- (3) Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA modified to include other adjustments to GAAP net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders for restructuring charges, real estate acquisition costs, impairment losses, gains/losses from the sale of real estate and debt transactions and other items that we do not consider to be indicative of our on-going operating performance. We focus our business plans to enable us to sustain increasing shareholder value. Accordingly, we believe that excluding these items, which are not key drivers of our investment decisions and may cause short-term fluctuations in net income, provides a useful supplemental measure to investors and analysts in assessing the net earnings contribution of our real estate portfolio. Because these measures do not represent net income (loss) that is computed in accordance with GAAP, they should not be considered alternatives to net income (loss) or as an indicator of financial performance. A reconciliation of net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders (computed in accordance with GAAP) to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is included in the financial information in the above table.

- (4) Adjusted EBITDA multiplied by 4.
- (5) Adjusted Debt to Annualized Adjusted EBITDA is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure we use to evaluate the level of borrowed capital being used to increase the potential return of our real estate investments, and a proxy for a measure we believe is used by many lenders and ratings agencies to evaluate our ability to repay and service our debt obligations over time. We believe the ratio is a beneficial disclosure to investors as a supplemental means of evaluating our ability to meet obligations senior to those of our equity holders. Our computation of this ratio may differ from the methodology used by other equity REITs, and therefore, may not be comparable to such other REITs

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APPENDIX A

AMENDED AND RESTATED

SPIRIT REALTY CAPITAL, INC.

AND SPIRIT REALTY, L.P.

2012 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN

ARTICLE 1.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Amended and Restated Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. and Spirit Realty, L.P. 2012 Incentive Award Plan (the Plan) is to promote the success and enhance the value of Spirit Realty Capital, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Company) and Spirit Realty, L.P. (the Partnership) by linking the individual interests of Employees, Consultants and members of the Board to those of the Company s stockholders and by providing such individuals with an incentive for outstanding performance to generate superior returns to the Company s stockholders. The Plan is further intended to provide flexibility to the Company, the Partnership and their subsidiaries in their ability to motivate, attract, and retain the services of those individuals upon whose judgment, interest, and special effort the successful conduct of the Company s and the Partnership s operation is largely dependent. The Plan amends and restates in its entirety the Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. and Spirit Realty L.P. 2012 Incentive Award Plan (the Original Plan).

ARTICLE 2.

DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

Wherever the following terms are used in the Plan they shall have the meanings specified below, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. The singular pronoun shall include the plural where the context so indicates.

- 2.1 <u>Administrator</u> shall mean the entity that conducts the general administration of the Plan as provided in Article 12 hereof. With reference to the duties of the Administrator under the Plan which have been delegated to one or more persons pursuant to Section 12.6 hereof, or which the Board has assumed, the term Administrator shall refer to such person(s) unless the Committee or the Board has revoked such delegation or the Board has terminated the assumption of such duties.
- 2.2 <u>Affiliate</u> shall mean the Partnership, any Parent or any Subsidiary.
- 2.3 <u>Applicable Accounting Standards</u> shall mean Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States, International Financial Reporting Standards or such other accounting principles or standards as may apply to the Company s financial statements under United States federal securities laws from time to time.
- 2.4 <u>Applicable Law</u> shall mean any applicable law, including without limitation, (a) provisions of the Code, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and any rules or regulations thereunder; (b) corporate, securities, tax or other laws, statutes, rules, requirements or regulations, whether federal, state, local or foreign; and (c) rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded.

- 2.5 <u>Award</u> shall mean an Option, a Restricted Stock award, a Performance Award, a Dividend Equivalent award, a Stock Payment award, a Restricted Stock Unit award, a Performance Share award, an Other Incentive Award, an LTIP Unit award or a Stock Appreciation Right, which may be awarded or granted under the Plan.
- 2.6 <u>Award Agreement</u> shall mean any written notice, agreement, contract or other instrument or document evidencing an Award, including through electronic medium, which shall contain such terms and conditions with respect to an Award as the Administrator shall determine, consistent with the Plan.
- 2.7 <u>Board</u> shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 2.8 <u>Change in Control</u> shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (a) A transaction or series of transactions (other than an offering of Shares to the general public through a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) whereby any person or related group of persons (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (other than the Company, the Partnership or any

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Subsidiary, an employee benefit plan maintained by any of the foregoing entities or a person that, prior to such transaction, directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company) directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of securities of the Company possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the Company s securities outstanding immediately after such acquisition; or

- (b) During any period of two (2) consecutive years, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board together with any new director(s) (other than a director designated by a person who shall have entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in Section 2.8(a) or Section 2.8(c) hereof) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company s stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the two (2)-year period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof; or
- (c) The consummation by the Company (whether directly involving the Company or indirectly involving the Company through one or more intermediaries) of (x) a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination, (y) a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company s assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions or (z) the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity, in each case, other than a transaction:
- (i) Which results in the Company s voting securities outstanding immediately before the transaction continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the Company or the person that, as a result of the transaction, controls, directly or indirectly, the Company or owns, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of the Company s assets or otherwise succeeds to the business of the Company (the Company or such person, the <u>Successor Entity</u>)) directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity s outstanding voting securities immediately after the transaction, and
- (ii) After which no person or group beneficially owns voting securities representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no person or group shall be treated for purposes of this Section 2.8(c)(ii) as beneficially owning fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity solely as a result of the voting power held in the Company prior to the consummation of the transaction; or
- (d) Approval by the Company s stockholders of a liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Change in Control constitutes a payment event with respect to any Award (or any portion of an Award) that provides for the deferral of compensation that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, to the extent required to avoid the imposition of additional taxes under Section 409A of the Code, the transaction or event described in subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) with respect to such Award (or portion thereof) shall only constitute a Change in Control for purposes of the payment timing of such Award if such transaction also constitutes a change in control event, as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5). Consistent with the terms of this Section 2.8, the Administrator shall have full and final authority to determine conclusively whether a Change in Control of the Company has occurred pursuant to the above definition, the date of the occurrence of such Change in Control and any incidental matters relating thereto.

2.9 <u>Code</u> shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, together with the regulations and official guidance promulgated thereunder, whether issued prior or subsequent to the grant of any Award.

- 2.10 <u>Committee</u> shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board, or another committee or subcommittee of the Board described in Article 12 hereof.
- 2.11 <u>Common Stock</u> shall mean the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share.
- 2.12 <u>Company</u> shall mean Spirit Realty Capital, Inc., a Maryland corporation.
- 2.13 <u>Consultant</u> shall mean any consultant or advisor of the Company, the Partnership or any Subsidiary who qualifies as a consultant or advisor under the applicable rules of Form S-8 Registration Statement.
- 2.14 <u>Covered Employee</u> shall mean any Employee who is, or could become, a covered employee within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

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- 2.15 <u>Director</u> shall mean a member of the Board, as constituted from time to time.
- 2.16 <u>Director Limit</u> shall mean the limits applicable to Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors under the Plan, as set forth in Section 3.4 hereof.
- 2.17 <u>Dividend Equivalent</u> shall mean a right to receive the equivalent value (in cash or Shares) of dividends paid on Shares, awarded under Section 9.2 hereof.
- 2.18 <u>DRO</u> shall mean a domestic relations order as defined by the Code or Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, or the rules thereunder.
- 2.19 <u>Effective Date</u> shall mean, for purposes of the Plan (as amended and restated), the date on which the Plan is approved by the Company s stockholders; provided, however, that solely for purposes of the second to last sentence of <u>Section 13.1</u> hereof, the Effective Date shall be the date on which the Plan (as amended and restated) is adopted by the Board, subject to approval of the Plan (as amended and restated) by the Company s stockholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Original Plan shall remain in effect on its existing terms unless and until the Plan (as amended and restated) is approved by the Company s stockholders.
- 2.20 <u>Eligible Individu</u>al shall mean any person who is an Employee, a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director, as determined by the Administrator.
- 2.21 <u>Employee</u> shall mean any officer or other employee (within the meaning of Section 3401(c) of the Code) of the Company, the Partnership or any Subsidiary.
- 2.22 <u>Equity Restructuring</u> shall mean a nonreciprocal transaction between the Company and its stockholders, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spin-off, rights offering or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, that affects the number or kind of Shares (or other securities of the Company) or the share price of Common Stock (or other securities) and causes a change in the per share value of the Common Stock underlying outstanding stock-based Awards.
- 2.23 Exchange Act shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.
- 2.24 <u>Expiration Date</u> shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.1 hereof.
- 2.25 Fair Market Value shall mean, as of any given date, the value of a Share determined as follows:
- (a) If the Common Stock is (i) listed on any established securities exchange (such as the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Global Market and the NASDAQ Global Select Market), (ii) listed on any national market system or (iii) listed, quoted or traded on any automated quotation system, its Fair Market Value shall be the closing sales price for a Share as quoted on such exchange or system for such date or, if there is no closing sales price for a Share on the date in question, the closing sales price for a Share on the last preceding date for which such quotation exists, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable;
- (b) If the Common Stock is not listed on an established securities exchange, national market system or automated quotation system, but the Common Stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be the mean of the high bid and low asked prices for such date or, if there are no high bid and low asked prices for a Share on such date, the high bid and low asked prices for a Share on the last preceding date for which such information exists, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable; or

- (c) If the Common Stock is neither listed on an established securities exchange, national market system or automated quotation system nor regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be established by the Administrator in good faith.
- 2.26 <u>Greater Than 10% Stockholder</u> shall mean an individual then-owning (within the meaning of Section 424(d) of the Code) more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any parent corporation or subsidiary corporation (as defined in Sections 424(e) and 424(f) of the Code, respectively).
- 2.27 <u>Incentive Stock Option</u> shall mean an Option that is intended to qualify as an incentive stock option and conforms to the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code.

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- 2.28 <u>Individual Award Lim</u>it shall mean the cash and share limits applicable to Awards granted under the Plan, as set forth in Section 3.3 hereof.
- 2.29 <u>LTIP Unit</u> shall mean, to the extent authorized by the Partnership Agreement, a unit of the Partnership that is granted pursuant to Section 9.7 hereof and is intended to constitute a profits interest within the meaning of the Code.
- 2.30 Non-Employee Director shall mean a Director of the Company who is not an Employee.
- 2.31 Non-Qualified Stock Option shall mean an Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option or which is designated as an Incentive Stock Option but does not meet the applicable requirements of Section 422 of the Code.
- 2.32 Option shall mean a right to purchase Shares at a specified exercise price, granted under Article 6 hereof. An Option shall be either a Non-Qualified Stock Option or an Incentive Stock Option; provided, however, that Options granted to Non-Employee Directors and Consultants shall only be Non-Qualified Stock Options.
- 2.33 Original Plan shall mean the Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. and Spirit Realty, L.P. 2012 Incentive Award Plan.
- 2.34 Other Incentive Award shall mean an Award denominated in, linked to or derived from Shares or value metrics related to Shares, granted pursuant to Section 9.6 hereof.
- 2.35 Parent shall mean any entity (other than the Company), whether domestic or foreign, in an unbroken chain of entities ending with the Company if each of the entities other than the Company beneficially owns, at the time of the determination, securities or interests representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of securities or interests in one of the other entities in such chain.
- 2.36 Participant shall mean an Eligible Individual who has been granted an Award pursuant to the Plan.
- 2.37 Partnership shall mean Spirit Realty, L.P.
- 2.38 <u>Partnership Agreement</u> shall mean the Agreement of Limited Partnership of Spirit Realty, L.P., as the same may be amended, modified or restated from time to time.
- 2.39 <u>Performance Award</u> shall mean an Award that is granted under Section 9.1 hereof.
- 2.40 <u>Performance-Based Compensation</u> shall mean any compensation that is intended to qualify as performance-based compensation as described in Section 162(m)(4)(C) of the Code.
- 2.41 <u>Performance Criteria</u> shall mean the criteria (and adjustments) that the Committee selects for an Award for purposes of establishing the Performance Goal or Performance Goals for a Performance Period, determined as follows:
- (a) The Performance Criteria that shall be used to establish Performance Goals are limited to the following: (i) net earnings (either before or after one or more of the following: (A) interest, (B) taxes, (C) depreciation, (D) amortization, and (E) non-cash equity-based compensation expense); (ii) gross or net sales or revenue; (iii) net income (either before or after taxes); (iv) adjusted net income; (v) operating earnings or profit; (vi) cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow and free cash flow); (vii) return on assets; (viii) return on capital; (ix) return on stockholders equity; (x) total stockholder return; (xi) return on sales; (xii) gross or net profit or operating margin; (xiii) costs; (xiv) funds from operations; (xv) expenses; (xvi) working capital; (xvii) earnings per share; (xviii) adjusted

earnings per share; (xix) price per Share; (xx) regulatory body approval for commercialization of a product; (xxi) implementation or completion of critical projects; (xxii) market share; (xxiii) economic value; (xxiv) debt levels or reduction; (xxv) sales-related goals; (xxvi) comparisons with other stock market indices; (xxvii) operating efficiency; (xxviii) employee satisfaction; (xxix) financing and other capital raising transactions; (xxx) recruiting and maintaining personnel; and (xxxi) year-end cash, any of which may be measured either in absolute terms for the Company or any operating unit of the Company or as compared to any incremental increase or decrease or as compared to results of a peer group or to market performance indicators or indices.

(b) The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, provide that one or more objectively determinable adjustments shall be made to one or more of the Performance Goals. Such adjustments may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: (i) items related to a change in accounting principle; (ii) items relating to financing activities; (iii) expenses for

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restructuring or productivity initiatives; (iv) other non-operating items; (v) items related to acquisitions; (vi) items attributable to the business operations of any entity acquired by the Company during the Performance Period; (vii) items related to the sale or disposition of a business or segment of a business; (viii) items related to discontinued operations that do not qualify as a segment of a business under Applicable Accounting Standards; (ix) items attributable to any stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of stock occurring during the Performance Period; (x) any other items of significant income or expense which are determined to be appropriate adjustments; (xi) items relating to unusual or extraordinary corporate transactions, events or developments, (xii) items related to amortization of acquired intangible assets; (xiii) items that are outside the scope of the Company s core, on-going business activities; (xiv) items related to acquired in-process research and development; (xv) items relating to changes in tax laws; (xvi) items relating to major licensing or partnership arrangements; (xvii) items relating to asset impairment charges; (xviii) items relating to gains or losses for litigation, arbitration and contractual settlements; or (xix) items relating to any other unusual or nonrecurring events or changes in Applicable Law, accounting principles or business conditions. For all Awards intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, such determinations shall be made within the time prescribed by, and otherwise in compliance with, Section 162(m) of the Code.

- 2.42 Performance Goals shall mean, for a Performance Period, one or more goals established in writing by the Administrator for the Performance Period based upon one or more Performance Criteria. Depending on the Performance Criteria used to establish such Performance Goals, the Performance Goals may be expressed in terms of overall performance of the Company, the Partnership, any Subsidiary, any division or business unit thereof or an individual. The achievement of each Performance Goal shall be determined in accordance with Applicable Accounting Standards.
- 2.43 <u>Performance Period</u> shall mean one or more periods of time, which may be of varying and overlapping durations, as the Administrator may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant s right to, and the payment of, a Performance Award.
- 2.44 <u>Performance Share</u> shall mean a contractual right awarded under Section 9.5 hereof to receive a number of Shares or the cash value of such number of Shares based on the attainment of specified Performance Goals or other criteria determined by the Administrator.
- 2.45 <u>Permitted Transfere</u>e shall mean, with respect to a Participant, any family member of the Participant, as defined under the General Instructions to Form S-8 Registration Statement under the Securities Act or any successor Form thereto, or any other transferee specifically approved by the Administrator, after taking into account Applicable Law.
- 2.46 <u>Plan</u> shall mean this Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. and Spirit Realty, L.P. 2012 Incentive Award Plan, as it may be amended from time to time.
- 2.47 <u>Program</u> shall mean any program adopted by the Administrator pursuant to the Plan containing the terms and conditions intended to govern a specified type of Award granted under the Plan and pursuant to which such type of Award may be granted under the Plan.
- 2.48 <u>Public Trading Date</u> shall mean the first date upon which the Common Stock is listed (or approved for listing) upon notice of issuance on any securities exchange or designated (or approved for designation) upon notice of issuance as a national market security on an interdealer quotation system.
- 2.49 <u>REI</u>T shall mean a real estate investment trust within the meaning of Sections 856 through 860 of the Code.

- 2.50 <u>Restricted Stock</u> shall mean an award of Shares made under Article 8 hereof that is subject to certain restrictions and may be subject to risk of forfeiture.
- 2.51 <u>Restricted Stock Unit</u> shall mean a contractual right awarded under Section 9.4 hereof to receive in the future a Share or the cash value of a Share.
- 2.52 <u>Securities Act</u> shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- 2.53 <u>Share Limit</u> shall have the meaning provided in Section 3.1(a) hereof.

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- 2.54 <u>Shares</u> shall mean shares of Common Stock.
- 2.55 <u>Stock Appreciation Right</u> shall mean a stock appreciation right granted under Article 10 hereof.
- 2.56 Stock Payment shall mean a payment in the form of Shares awarded under Section 9.3 hereof.
- 2.57 <u>Subsidiary</u> shall mean (a) a corporation, association or other business entity of which fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of capital stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company, the Partnership and/or by one or more Subsidiaries, (b) any partnership or limited liability company of which fifty percent (50%) or more of the equity interests are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company, the Partnership and/or by one or more Subsidiaries, and (c) any other entity not described in clauses (a) or (b) above of which fifty percent (50%) or more of the ownership and the power (whether voting interests or otherwise), pursuant to a written contract or agreement, to direct the policies and management or the financial and the other affairs thereof, are owned or controlled by the Company, the Partnership and/or by one or more Subsidiaries.
- 2.58 <u>Substitute Award</u> shall mean an Award granted under the Plan in connection with a corporate transaction, such as a merger, combination, consolidation or acquisition of property or stock, in any case, upon the assumption of, or in substitution for, an outstanding equity award previously granted by a company or other entity that is a party to such transaction; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in no event shall the term Substitute Award be construed to refer to an award made in connection with the cancellation and repricing of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right.
- 2.59 <u>Successor Entity</u> shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.8(c)(i) hereof.
- 2.60 Termination of Service shall mean:
- (a) As to a Consultant, the time when the engagement of a Participant as a Consultant to the Company and its Affiliates is terminated for any reason, with or without cause, including, without limitation, by resignation, discharge, death or retirement, but excluding terminations where the Consultant simultaneously commences or remains in employment and/or service as an Employee and/or Director with the Company or any Affiliate.
- (b) As to a Non-Employee Director, the time when a Participant who is a Non-Employee Director ceases to be a Director for any reason, including, without limitation, a termination by resignation, failure to be elected, death or retirement, but excluding terminations where the Participant simultaneously commences or remains in employment and/or service as an Employee and/or Consultant with the Company or any Affiliate.
- (c) As to an Employee, the time when the employee-employer relationship between a Participant and the Company and its Affiliates is terminated for any reason, including, without limitation, a termination by resignation, discharge, death, disability or retirement, but excluding terminations where the Participant simultaneously commences or remains in service as a Consultant and/or Director with the Company or any Affiliate.

The Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine the effect of all matters and questions relating to any Termination of Service, including, without limitation, whether a Termination of Service has occurred, whether any Termination of Service resulted from a discharge for cause and whether any particular leave of absence constitutes a Termination of Service; provided, however, that, with respect to Incentive Stock Options, unless the Administrator otherwise provides in the terms of any Program, Award Agreement or otherwise, or as otherwise required by Applicable Law, a leave of absence, change in status from an employee to an independent contractor or other change in the employee-employer relationship shall constitute a Termination of Service only if, and to the extent that, such leave of absence, change in status or other change interrupts employment for the purposes of Section 422(a)(2) of the

Code. For purposes of the Plan, a Participant s employee-employer relationship or consultancy relationship shall be deemed to be terminated in the event that the Affiliate employing or contracting with such Participant ceases to remain an Affiliate following any merger, sale of stock or other corporate transaction or event (including, without limitation, a spin-off).

ARTICLE 3.

SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

3.1 Number of Shares.

(a) Subject to Section 3.1(b) and Section 13.2 hereof, the aggregate number of Shares which may be issued or transferred pursuant to Awards under the Plan is 11,438,497 shares (the <u>Share Limit</u>). In order that the applicable regulations under

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the Code relating to Incentive Stock Options be satisfied, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued under the Plan upon the exercise of Incentive Stock Options shall be 11,438,497. Subject to Section 13.2 hereof, each LTIP Unit issued pursuant to an Award shall count as one Share for purposes of calculating the aggregate number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan as set forth in this Section 3.1(a) and for purposes of calculating the Individual Award Limit set forth in Section 3.3 hereof.

- (b) If any Shares subject to an Award are forfeited or expire or such Award is settled for cash (in whole or in part), the Shares subject to such Award shall, to the extent of such forfeiture, expiration or cash settlement, again be available for future grants of Awards under the Plan and shall be added back to the Share Limit in the same number of Shares as were debited from the Share Limit in respect of the grant of such Award (as may be adjusted in accordance with Section 13.2 hereof). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the following Shares shall not be added back to the Share Limit and will not be available for future grants of Awards: (i) Shares tendered by a Participant or withheld by the Company in payment of the exercise price of an Option; (ii) Shares tendered by the Participant or withheld by the Company to satisfy any tax withholding obligation with respect to an Award; (iii) Shares subject to a Stock Appreciation Right that are not issued in connection with the stock settlement of the Stock Appreciation Right on exercise thereof; and (iv) Shares purchased on the open market with the cash proceeds from the exercise of Options. Any Shares repurchased by the Company under Section 8.4 hereof at the same price paid by the Participant so that such Shares are returned to the Company will again be available for Awards. The payment of Dividend Equivalents in cash in conjunction with any outstanding Awards shall not be counted against the Shares available for issuance under the Plan. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 3.1(b), no Shares may again be optioned, granted or awarded if such action would cause an Incentive Stock Option to fail to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code.
- (c) Substitute Awards shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan. Additionally, in the event that a company acquired by the Company or any Affiliate, or with which the Company or any Affiliate combines, has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by its stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the shares available for grant pursuant to the terms of such pre-existing plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan; provided, however, that Awards using such available shares shall not be made after the date awards or grants could have been made under the terms of the pre-existing plan, absent the acquisition or combination, and shall only be made to individuals who were not employed by or providing services to the Company or its Affiliates immediately prior to such acquisition or combination.
- 3.2 <u>Stock Distributed</u>. Any Shares distributed pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Common Stock, treasury Common Stock or Common Stock purchased on the open market.
- 3.3 <u>Limitation on Number of Shares Subject to Awards</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, and subject to Section 13.2 hereof, (a) the maximum aggregate number of Shares with respect to one or more Awards that may be granted to any one person during any calendar year shall be 1,000,000 and the maximum aggregate amount of cash that may be paid in cash during any calendar year with respect to one or more Awards payable in cash shall be \$5,000,000 (together, the <u>Individual Award Limits</u>).
- 3.4 Non-Employee Director Award Limit. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Plan, the maximum aggregate grant date fair value (determined as of the date of the grant under Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, or any successor thereto) of all equity-based Awards granted during any calendar year to a Non-Employee Director for services as a Director shall not exceed \$500,000 (the <u>Director</u>

Limit).

ARTICLE 4.

GRANTING OF AWARDS

- 4.1 <u>Participation.</u> The Administrator may, from time to time, select from among all Eligible Individuals, those to whom one or more Awards shall be granted and shall determine the nature and amount of each Award, which shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of the Plan. No Eligible Individual shall have any right to be granted an Award pursuant to the Plan.
- 4.2 <u>Award Agreement</u>. Each Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement stating the terms and conditions applicable to such Award, consistent with the requirements of the Plan and any applicable Program.

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- 4.3 <u>Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, with respect to any Award granted or awarded to any individual who is then subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the Plan, any applicable Program and the applicable Award Agreement shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and any amendments thereto) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule, and such additional limitations shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into such Award to the extent permitted by Applicable Law.
- 4.4 <u>At-Will Service</u>. Nothing in the Plan or in any Program or Award Agreement hereunder shall confer upon any Participant any right to continue as an Employee, Director or Consultant of the Company or any Affiliate, or shall interfere with or restrict in any way the rights of the Company or any Affiliate, which rights are hereby expressly reserved, to discharge any Participant at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without cause, and with or without notice, or to terminate or change all other terms and conditions of any Participant s employment or engagement, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in a written agreement between the Participant and the Company or any Affiliate.
- 4.5 Foreign Participants. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in order to comply with the laws in other countries in which the Company and its Affiliates operate or have Employees, Non-Employee Directors or Consultants, or in order to comply with the requirements of any foreign securities exchange, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to: (a) determine which Affiliates shall be covered by the Plan; (b) determine which Eligible Individuals outside the United States are eligible to participate in the Plan; (c) modify the terms and conditions of any Award granted to Eligible Individuals outside the United States to comply with applicable foreign laws or listing requirements of any such foreign securities exchange; (d) establish subplans and modify exercise procedures and other terms and procedures, to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable; provided, however, that no such subplans and/or modifications shall increase the Share Limit, the Individual Award Limits or the Director Limit contained in Sections 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 hereof, respectively; and (e) take any action, before or after an Award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local governmental regulatory exemptions or approvals or listing requirements of any such foreign securities exchange. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may not take any actions hereunder, and no Awards shall be granted, that would violate Applicable Law.
- 4.6 <u>Stand-Alone and Tandem Awards</u>. Awards granted pursuant to the Plan may, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, be granted either alone, in addition to, or in tandem with, any other Award granted pursuant to the Plan. Awards granted in addition to or in tandem with other Awards may be granted either at the same time as or at a different time from the grant of such other Awards.

ARTICLE 5.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AWARDS INTENDED TO QUALIFY AS PERFORMANCE-BASED COMPENSATION

5.1 <u>Purpose</u>. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine whether any Award is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation. If the Committee, in its sole discretion, decides to grant an Award to an Eligible Individual that is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, then the provisions of this Article 5 shall control over any contrary provision contained in the Plan. The Administrator may in its sole discretion grant Awards to Eligible Individuals that are based on Performance Criteria or Performance Goals but that do not satisfy the requirements of this Article 5 and that are not intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation. Unless otherwise specified by the Committee at the time of grant, the Performance Criteria with respect to an Award intended

to be Performance-Based Compensation payable to a Covered Employee shall be determined on the basis of Applicable Accounting Standards.

- 5.2 <u>Applicability</u>. The grant of an Award to an Eligible Individual for a particular Performance Period shall not require the grant of an Award to such Eligible Individual in any subsequent Performance Period and the grant of an Award to any one Eligible Individual shall not require the grant of an Award to any other Eligible Individual in such period or in any other period.
- 5.3 Procedures with Respect to Performance-Based Awards. To the extent necessary to comply with the requirements of Section 162(m)(4)(C) of the Code, with respect to any Award which is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, no later than ninety (90) days following the commencement of any Performance Period or any designated fiscal period or period of service (or such earlier time as may be required under Section 162(m) of the Code), the Committee shall, in writing, (a) designate one or more Eligible Individuals; (b) select the Performance Criteria applicable to the Performance Period; (c) establish the Performance Goals, and amounts of such Awards, as applicable, which may be earned for such Performance Period

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based on the Performance Criteria; and (d) specify the relationship between Performance Criteria and the Performance Goals and the amounts of such Awards, as applicable, to be earned by each Covered Employee for such Performance Period. Following the completion of each Performance Period, the Committee shall certify in writing whether and the extent to which the applicable Performance Goals have been achieved for such Performance Period. In determining the amount earned under such Awards, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, the Committee shall have the right to reduce or eliminate (but not to increase) the amount payable at a given level of performance to take into account additional factors that the Committee may deem relevant, including the assessment of individual or corporate performance for the Performance Period.

- 5.4 <u>Payment of Performance-Based Awards</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Program or Award Agreement (and only to the extent otherwise permitted by Section 162(m)(4)(C) of the Code), the holder of an Award that is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation must be employed by the Company or an Affiliate throughout the applicable Performance Period. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Performance Goals, Program or Award Agreement, a Participant shall be eligible to receive payment pursuant to such Awards for a Performance Period only if and to the extent the Performance Goals for such applicable Performance Period are achieved.
- 5.5 <u>Additional Limitations</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan and except as otherwise determined by the Administrator, any Award which is granted to an Eligible Individual and is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation shall be subject to any additional limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code that are requirements for qualification as Performance-Based Compensation, and the Plan, the Program and the Award Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such requirements.

ARTICLE 6.

GRANTING OF OPTIONS

- 6.1 <u>Granting of Options to Eligible Individuals</u>. The Administrator is authorized to grant Options to Eligible Individuals from time to time, in its sole discretion, on such terms and conditions as it may determine which shall not be inconsistent with the Plan.
- 6.2 Qualification of Incentive Stock Options. No Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any person who is not an Employee of the Company or any parent corporation or subsidiary corporation of the Company (as defined in Sections 424(e) and 424(f) of the Code, respectively). No person who qualifies as a Greater Than 10% Stockholder may be granted an Incentive Stock Option unless such Incentive Stock Option conforms to the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code. Any Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan may be modified by the Administrator, with the consent of the Participant, to disqualify such Option from treatment as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code. To the extent that the aggregate fair market value of stock with respect to which incentive stock options (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, but without regard to Section 422(d) of the Code) are exercisable for the first time by a Participant during any calendar year under the Plan and all other plans of the Company or any parent corporation or subsidiary corporation of the Company (as defined in Section 424(e) and 424(f) of the Code, respectively) exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), the Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options to the extent required by Section 422 of the Code. The rule set forth in the preceding sentence shall be applied by taking Options and other incentive stock options into account in the order in which they were granted and the Fair Market Value of stock shall be determined as of the time the respective options were granted. In addition, to the extent that any Options otherwise fail to qualify as Incentive Stock Options, such Options shall be treated as Nonqualified Stock Options.

6.3 Option Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share subject to each Option shall be set by the Administrator, but shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the Option is granted (or, as to Incentive Stock Options, on the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code). In addition, in the case of Incentive Stock Options granted to a Greater Than 10% Stockholder, such price shall not be less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the Option is granted (or the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code).

6.4 Option Term. The term of each Option shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion; provided, however, that the term shall not be more than ten (10) years from the date the Option is granted, or five (5) years from the date an Incentive Stock Option is granted to a Greater Than 10% Stockholder. The Administrator shall determine the time period, including the time period following a Termination of Service, during which the Participant has the right to exercise the vested Options, which time period may not extend beyond the stated term of the Option. Except as limited by the requirements of Section 409A or

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Section 422 of the Code, the Administrator may extend the term of any outstanding Option, and may extend the time period during which vested Options may be exercised, in connection with any Termination of Service of the Participant, and may amend any other term or condition of such Option relating to such a Termination of Service.

6.5 Option Vesting.

- (a) The terms and conditions pursuant to which an Option vests in the Participant and becomes exercisable shall be determined by the Administrator and set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Such vesting may be based on service with the Company or any Affiliate, any of the Performance Criteria, or any other criteria selected by the Administrator. At any time after the grant of an Option, the Administrator may, in its sole discretion and subject to whatever terms and conditions it selects, accelerate the vesting of the Option.
- (b) No portion of an Option which is unexercisable at a Participant s Termination of Service shall thereafter become exercisable, except as may be otherwise provided by the Administrator either in an applicable Program, the applicable Award Agreement or by action of the Administrator following the grant of the Option.
- 6.6 <u>Substitute Awards</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article 6 to the contrary, in the case of an Option that is a Substitute Award, the price per Share of the Shares subject to such Option may be less than the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the exercise price of any Substitute Award shall be determined in accordance with the applicable requirements of Sections 424 and 409A of the Code.
- 6.7 <u>Substitution of Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, substitute an Award of Stock Appreciation Rights for an outstanding Option at any time prior to or upon exercise of such Option; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such Stock Appreciation Rights shall be exercisable with respect to the same number of Shares for which such substituted Option would have been exercisable, and shall also have the same exercise price and remaining term as the substituted Option.

ARTICLE 7.

EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 <u>Partial Exercise</u>. An exercisable Option may be exercised in whole or in part. However, an Option shall not be exercisable with respect to fractional shares and the Administrator may require that, by the terms of the Option, a partial exercise must be with respect to a minimum number of Shares.
- 7.2 <u>Manner of Exercise</u>. All or a portion of an exercisable Option shall be deemed exercised upon delivery of all of the following to the Secretary of the Company, or such other person or entity designated by the Administrator, or his, her or its office, as applicable:
- (a) A written or electronic notice complying with the applicable rules established by the Administrator stating that the Option, or a portion thereof, is exercised. The notice shall be signed by the Participant or other person then entitled to exercise the Option or such portion of the Option;
- (b) Such representations and documents as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable to effect compliance with Applicable Law. The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, also take such additional actions as it deems appropriate to effect such compliance including, without limitation, placing legends on share certificates and issuing stop-transfer notices to agents and registrars;

- (c) In the event that the Option shall be exercised pursuant to Section 11.3 hereof by any person or persons other than the Participant, appropriate proof of the right of such person or persons to exercise the Option, as determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator; and
- (d) Full payment of the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes to the stock administrator of the Company for the Shares with respect to which the Option, or portion thereof, is exercised, in a manner permitted by the Administrator in accordance with Sections 11.1 and 11.2 hereof.
- 7.3 <u>Notification Regarding Disposition</u>. The Participant shall give the Company prompt written or electronic notice of any disposition of Shares acquired by exercise of an Incentive Stock Option which occurs within (a) two (2) years after the date of granting (including the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code) of such Option to such Participant, or (b) one (1) year after the date of transfer of such Shares to such Participant.

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ARTICLE 8.

RESTRICTED STOCK

8.1 Award of Restricted Stock.

- (a) The Administrator is authorized to grant Restricted Stock to Eligible Individuals, and shall determine the terms and conditions, including the restrictions applicable to each award of Restricted Stock, which terms and conditions shall not be inconsistent with the Plan, and may impose such conditions on the issuance of such Restricted Stock as it deems appropriate.
- (b) The Administrator shall establish the purchase price, if any, and form of payment for Restricted Stock; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if a purchase price is charged, such purchase price shall be no less than the par value of the Shares to be purchased, unless otherwise permitted by Applicable Law. In all cases, legal consideration shall be required for each issuance of Restricted Stock to the extent required by Applicable Law.
- 8.2 <u>Rights as Stockholders</u>. Subject to Section 8.4 hereof, upon issuance of Restricted Stock, the Participant shall have, unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, all the rights of a stockholder with respect to said shares, subject to the restrictions in an applicable Program or in the applicable Award Agreement, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions paid or made with respect to the shares; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, any extraordinary distributions with respect to the shares shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 8.3 hereof. In addition, any dividends paid with respect to shares of Restricted Stock subject to performance-based vesting shall be subject to (and payable only upon the attainment of) the same vesting conditions applicable to the underlying performance-based vesting shares of Restricted Stock.
- 8.3 Restrictions. All shares of Restricted Stock (including any shares received by Participants thereof with respect to shares of Restricted Stock as a result of stock dividends, stock splits or any other form of recapitalization) shall, in the terms of an applicable Program or the applicable Award Agreement, be subject to such restrictions and vesting requirements as the Administrator shall provide. Such restrictions may include, without limitation, restrictions concerning voting rights and transferability and such restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times and pursuant to such circumstances or based on such criteria as selected by the Administrator, including, without limitation, criteria based on the Participant s continued employment, directorship or consultancy with the Company, the Performance Criteria, Company or Affiliate performance, individual performance or other criteria selected by the Administrator. By action taken after the Restricted Stock is issued, the Administrator may, on such terms and conditions as it may determine to be appropriate, accelerate the vesting of such Restricted Stock by removing any or all of the restrictions imposed by the terms of any Program or by the applicable Award Agreement. Restricted Stock may not be sold or encumbered until all restrictions are terminated or expire.
- 8.4 Repurchase or Forfeiture of Restricted Stock. If no purchase price was paid by the Participant for the Restricted Stock, upon a Termination of Service, the Participant s rights in unvested Restricted Stock then subject to restrictions shall lapse, and such Restricted Stock shall be surrendered to the Company and cancelled without consideration. If a purchase price was paid by the Participant for the Restricted Stock, upon a Termination of Service the Company shall have the right to repurchase from the Participant the unvested Restricted Stock then-subject to restrictions at a cash price per share equal to the price paid by the Participant for such Restricted Stock or such other amount as may be specified in an applicable Program or the applicable Award Agreement. The Administrator in its sole discretion may provide that, upon certain events, including without limitation a Change in Control, the Participant s death, retirement or disability, any other specified Termination of Service or any other event, the Participant s rights in unvested Restricted Stock shall not terminate, such Restricted Stock shall vest and cease to be forfeitable and, if applicable, the

Company shall cease to have a right of repurchase.

8.5 <u>Certificates for Restricted Stock</u>. Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Administrator shall determine. Certificates or book entries evidencing shares of Restricted Stock must include an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock, and the Company may, in its sole discretion, retain physical possession of any stock certificate until such time as all applicable restrictions lapse.

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ARTICLE 9.

PERFORMANCE AWARDS; DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS; STOCK PAYMENTS; RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS; PERFORMANCE SHARES; OTHER INCENTIVE AWARDS; LTIP UNITS

9.1 Performance Awards.

- (a) The Administrator is authorized to grant Performance Awards to any Eligible Individual and to determine whether such Performance Awards shall be Performance-Based Compensation. The value of Performance Awards may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Criteria or other specific criteria determined by the Administrator, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator.
- (b) Without limiting Section 9.1(a) hereof, the Administrator may grant Performance Awards to any Eligible Individual in the form of a cash bonus payable upon the attainment of objective Performance Goals, or such other criteria, whether or not objective, which are established by the Administrator, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator. Any such bonuses paid to a Participant which are intended to be Performance-Based Compensation shall be based upon objectively determinable bonus formulas established in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 hereof.

9.2 <u>Dividend Equivalents</u>.

- (a) Subject to Section 9.2(b) hereof, Dividend Equivalents may be granted by the Administrator, either alone or in tandem with another Award, based on dividends declared on the Common Stock, to be credited as of dividend payment dates during the period between the date the Dividend Equivalents are granted to a Participant and the date such Dividend Equivalents terminate or expire, as determined by the Administrator. Such Dividend Equivalents shall be converted to cash or additional Shares by such formula and at such time and subject to such limitations as may be determined by the Administrator.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) no Dividend Equivalents shall be payable with respect to Options or Stock Appreciation Rights and (ii) any Dividend Equivalents that may become payable with respect to Awards subject to performance-based vesting shall be subject to (and payable only upon the attainment of) the same vesting conditions applicable to the underlying performance-based vesting Award.
- 9.3 <u>Stock Payments</u>. The Administrator is authorized to make one or more Stock Payments to any Eligible Individual. The number or value of Shares of any Stock Payment shall be determined by the Administrator and may be based upon one or more Performance Criteria or any other specific criteria, including service to the Company or any Affiliate, determined by the Administrator. Stock Payments may, but are not required to be made in lieu of base salary, bonus, fees or other cash compensation otherwise payable to such Eligible Individual.
- 9.4 <u>Restricted Stock Units</u>. The Administrator is authorized to grant Restricted Stock Units to any Eligible Individual. The number and terms and conditions of Restricted Stock Units shall be determined by the Administrator. The Administrator shall specify the date or dates on which the Restricted Stock Units shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable, and may specify such conditions to vesting as it deems appropriate, including conditions based on one or more Performance Criteria or other specific criteria, including service to the Company or any Affiliate, in each case, on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods, as determined by the Administrator. The Administrator shall specify, or permit the Participant to elect, the conditions and dates upon which the Shares underlying the Restricted Stock Units shall be issued, which dates shall not be earlier than the date as of which the Restricted Stock Units vest and become nonforfeitable and which conditions and dates shall be consistent

with the applicable provisions of Section 409A of the Code or an exemption therefrom. On the distribution dates, the Company shall issue to the Participant one unrestricted, fully transferable Share (or the Fair Market Value of one such Share in cash) for each vested and nonforfeitable Restricted Stock Unit.

9.5 <u>Performance Share Awards</u>. Any Eligible Individual selected by the Administrator may be granted one or more Performance Share awards which shall be denominated in a number of Shares and the vesting of which may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Criteria, other specific performance criteria (in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator) and/or time-vesting or other criteria, as determined by the Administrator.

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- 9.6 Other Incentive Awards. The Administrator is authorized to grant Other Incentive Awards to any Eligible Individual, which Awards may cover Shares or the right to purchase Shares or have a value derived from the value of, or an exercise or conversion privilege at a price related to, or that are otherwise payable in or based on, Shares, shareholder value or shareholder return, in each case, on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator. Other Incentive Awards may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Criteria or other specific performance criteria determined appropriate by the Administrator.
- 9.7 <u>LTIP Units</u>. The Administrator is authorized to grant LTIP Units in such amount and subject to such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Administrator; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that LTIP Units may only be issued to a Participant for the performance of services to or for the benefit of the Partnership (a) in the Participant s capacity as a partner of the Partnership, (b) in anticipation of the Participant becoming a partner of the Partnership, or (c) as otherwise determined by the Administrator, <u>provided</u> that the LTIP Units are intended to constitute profits interests within the meaning of the Code, including, to the extent applicable, Revenue Procedure 93-27, 1993-2 C.B. 343 and Revenue Procedure 2001-43, 2001-2 C.B. 191. The Administrator shall specify the conditions and dates upon which the LTIP Units shall vest and become nonforfeitable. LTIP Units shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Partnership Agreement and such other restrictions, including restrictions on transferability, as the Administrator may impose. These restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, pursuant to such circumstances, in such installments, or otherwise, as the Administrator determines at the time of the grant of the Award or thereafter.
- 9.8 Other Terms and Conditions. All applicable terms and conditions of each Award described in this Article 9, including without limitation, as applicable, the term, vesting conditions and exercise/purchase price applicable to the Award, shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion, provided, however, that the value of the consideration paid by a Participant for an Award shall not be less than the par value of a Share, unless otherwise permitted by Applicable Law.
- 9.9 Exercise upon Termination of Service. Awards described in this Article 9 are exercisable or distributable, as applicable, only while the Participant is an Employee, Director or Consultant, as applicable. The Administrator, however, in its sole discretion may provide that such Award may be exercised or distributed subsequent to a Termination of Service as provided under an applicable Program, Award Agreement, payment deferral election and/or in certain events, including without limitation, a Change in Control, the Participant s death, retirement or disability or any other specified Termination of Service.

ARTICLE 10.

STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

- 10.1 Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights.
- (a) The Administrator is authorized to grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Eligible Individuals from time to time, in its sole discretion, on such terms and conditions as it may determine consistent with the Plan.
- (b) A Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the Participant (or other person entitled to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right pursuant to the Plan) to exercise all or a specified portion of the Stock Appreciation Right (to the extent then-exercisable pursuant to its terms) and to receive from the Company an amount determined by multiplying the difference obtained by subtracting the exercise price per Share of the Stock Appreciation Right from the Fair Market Value on the date of exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right by the number of Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right shall have been exercised, subject to any limitations the Administrator may impose. Except as described in Section 10.1(c) hereof, the exercise price per Share subject to each Stock Appreciation Right shall be set

by the Administrator, but shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value on the date the Stock Appreciation Right is granted.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Section 10.1(b) hereof to the contrary, in the case of a Stock Appreciation Right that is a Substitute Award, the price per share of the shares subject to such Stock Appreciation Right may be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant; provided, however, that the exercise price of any Substitute Award shall be determined in accordance with the applicable requirements of Sections 424 and 409A of the Code.

10.2 Stock Appreciation Right Vesting.

(a) The Administrator shall determine the period during which the Participant shall vest in a Stock Appreciation Right and have the right to exercise such Stock Appreciation Rights (subject to Section 10.4 hereof) in whole or in part. Such vesting

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may be based on service with the Company or any Affiliate, any of the Performance Criteria or any other criteria selected by the Administrator. At any time after grant of a Stock Appreciation Right, the Administrator may, in its sole discretion and subject to whatever terms and conditions it selects, accelerate the period during which the Stock Appreciation Right vests.

- (b) No portion of a Stock Appreciation Right which is unexercisable at Termination of Service shall thereafter become exercisable, except as may be otherwise provided by the Administrator either in an applicable Program or Award Agreement or by action of the Administrator following the grant of the Stock Appreciation Right.
- 10.3 <u>Manner of Exercise</u>. All or a portion of an exercisable Stock Appreciation Right shall be deemed exercised upon delivery of all of the following to the stock administrator of the Company, or such other person or entity designated by the Administrator, or his, her or its office, as applicable:
- (a) A written or electronic notice complying with the applicable rules established by the Administrator stating that the Stock Appreciation Right, or a portion thereof, is exercised. The notice shall be signed by the Participant or other person then-entitled to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right or such portion of the Stock Appreciation Right;
- (b) Such representations and documents as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable to effect compliance with all applicable provisions of the Securities Act and any other federal, state or foreign securities laws or regulations. The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, also take whatever additional actions it deems appropriate to effect such compliance;
- (c) In the event that the Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercised pursuant to this Section 10.3 by any person or persons other than the Participant, appropriate proof of the right of such person or persons to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right; and
- (d) Full payment of the applicable withholding taxes to the stock administrator of the Company for the Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Rights, or portion thereof, are exercised, in a manner permitted by the Administrator in accordance with Sections 11.1 and 11.2 hereof.
- 10.4 Stock Appreciation Right Term. The term of each Stock Appreciation Right shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion; provided, however, that the term shall not be more than ten (10) years from the date the Stock Appreciation Right is granted. The Administrator shall determine the time period, including the time period following a Termination of Service, during which the Participant has the right to exercise the vested Stock Appreciation Rights, which time period may not extend beyond the expiration date of the Stock Appreciation Right term. Except as limited by the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, the Administrator may extend the term of any outstanding Stock Appreciation Right, and may extend the time period during which vested Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised, in connection with any Termination of Service of the Participant, and may amend any other term or condition of such Stock Appreciation Right relating to such a Termination of Service.

ARTICLE 11.

ADDITIONAL TERMS OF AWARDS

11.1 <u>Payment</u>. The Administrator shall determine the methods by which payments by any Participant with respect to any Awards granted under the Plan shall be made, including, without limitation: (a) cash or check, (b) Shares (including, in the case of payment of the exercise price of an Award, Shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of the Award) held for such period of time as may be required by the Administrator in order to avoid adverse accounting

consequences, in each case, having a Fair Market Value on the date of delivery equal to the aggregate payments required, (c) delivery of a written or electronic notice that the Participant has placed a market sell order with a broker with respect to Shares then-issuable upon exercise or vesting of an Award, and that the broker has been directed to pay a sufficient portion of the net proceeds of the sale to the Company in satisfaction of the aggregate payments required; provided, however, that payment of such proceeds is then made to the Company upon settlement of such sale, or (d) other form of legal consideration acceptable to the Administrator. The Administrator shall also determine the methods by which Shares shall be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Participants. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Participant who is a Director or an executive officer of the Company within the meaning of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act shall be permitted to make payment with respect to any Awards granted under the Plan, or continue any extension of credit with respect to such payment with a loan from the Company or a loan arranged by the Company in violation of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act.

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11.2 Tax Withholding. The Company and its Affiliates shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company or an Affiliate, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local and foreign taxes (including the Participant's social security, Medicare and any other employment tax obligation) required by law to be withheld with respect to any taxable event concerning a Participant arising in connection with any Award. The Administrator may in its sole discretion and in satisfaction of the foregoing requirement allow a Participant to satisfy such obligations by any payment means described in Section 11.1 hereof, including without limitation, by allowing such Participant to elect to have the Company or an Affiliate withhold Shares otherwise issuable under an Award (or allow the surrender of Shares). The number of Shares which may be so withheld or surrendered shall be limited to the number of Shares which have a Fair Market Value on the date of withholding or repurchase no greater than the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes that are applicable to such supplemental taxable income. The Administrator shall determine the fair market value of the Shares, consistent with applicable provisions of the Code, for tax withholding obligations due in connection with a broker-assisted cashless Option or Stock Appreciation Right exercise involving the sale of Shares to pay the Option or Stock Appreciation Right exercise price or any tax withholding obligation.

11.3 Transferability of Awards.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.3(b) or (c) hereof:
- (i) No Award under the Plan may be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred in any manner other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or, subject to the consent of the Administrator, pursuant to a DRO, unless and until such Award has been exercised, or the Shares underlying such Award have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed;
- (ii) No Award or interest or right therein shall be subject to the debts, contracts or engagements of the Participant or his successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by transfer, alienation, anticipation, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy) unless and until such Award has been exercised, or the Shares underlying such Award have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed, and any attempted disposition of an Award prior to the satisfaction of these conditions shall be null and void and of no effect, except to the extent that such disposition is permitted by clause (i) of this provision; and
- (iii) During the lifetime of the Participant, only the Participant may exercise an Award (or any portion thereof) granted to him under the Plan, unless it has been disposed of pursuant to a DRO; after the death of the Participant, any exercisable portion of an Award may, prior to the time when such portion becomes unexercisable under the Plan or the applicable Program or Award Agreement, be exercised by his personal representative or by any person empowered to do so under the deceased Participant s will or under the then-applicable laws of descent and distribution.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 11.3(a) hereof, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may determine to permit a Participant or a Permitted Transferee of such Participant to transfer an Award other than an Incentive Stock Option (unless such Incentive Stock Option is to become a Non-Qualified Stock Option) to any one or more Permitted Transferees of such Participant, subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) an Award transferred to a Permitted Transferee shall not be assignable or transferable by the Permitted Transferee (other than to another Permitted Transferee of the applicable Participant) other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution; (ii) an Award transferred to a Permitted Transferee shall continue to be subject to all the terms and conditions of the Award as applicable to the original Participant (other than the ability to further transfer the Award); and (iii) the Participant (or

transferring Permitted Transferee) and the Permitted Transferee shall execute any and all documents requested by the Administrator, including without limitation, documents to (A) confirm the status of the transferee as a Permitted Transferee, (B) satisfy any requirements for an exemption for the transfer under applicable federal, state and foreign securities laws and (C) evidence the transfer. In addition, and further notwithstanding Section 11.3(a) hereof, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may determine to permit a Participant to transfer Incentive Stock Options to a trust that constitutes a Permitted Transferee if, under Section 671 of the Code and applicable state law, the Participant is considered the sole beneficial owner of the Incentive Stock Option while it is held in the trust.

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(c) Notwithstanding Section 11.3(a) hereof, a Participant may, in the manner determined by the Administrator, designate a beneficiary to exercise the rights of the Participant and to receive any distribution with respect to any Award upon the Participant s death. A beneficiary, legal guardian, legal representative, or other person claiming any rights pursuant to the Plan is subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Program or Award Agreement applicable to the Participant, except to the extent the Plan, the Program and the Award Agreement otherwise provide, and to any additional restrictions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Administrator. If the Participant is married or a domestic partner in a domestic partnership qualified under Applicable Law and resides in a community property state, a designation of a person other than the Participant s spouse or domestic partner, as applicable, as his or her beneficiary with respect to more than fifty percent (50%) of the Participant s interest in the Award shall not be effective without the prior written or electronic consent of the Participant s spouse or domestic partner. If no beneficiary has been designated or survives the Participant, payment shall be made to the person entitled thereto pursuant to the Participant s will or the laws of descent and distribution. Subject to the foregoing, a beneficiary designation may be changed or revoked by a Participant at any time provided the change or revocation is delivered to the Administrator prior to the Participant s death.

11.4 Conditions to Issuance of Shares.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Company nor its Affiliates shall be required to issue or deliver any certificates or make any book entries evidencing Shares pursuant to the exercise of any Award, unless and until the Administrator has determined, with advice of counsel, that the issuance of such Shares is in compliance with Applicable Law, and the Shares are covered by an effective registration statement or applicable exemption from registration. In addition to the terms and conditions provided herein, the Administrator may require that a Participant make such reasonable covenants, agreements, and representations as the Administrator, in its discretion, deems advisable in order to comply with any such laws, regulations, or requirements.
- (b) All Share certificates delivered pursuant to the Plan and all Shares issued pursuant to book entry procedures are subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to comply with Applicable Law. The Administrator may place legends on any Share certificate or book entry to reference restrictions applicable to the Shares.
- (c) The Administrator shall have the right to require any Participant to comply with any timing or other restrictions with respect to the settlement, distribution or exercise of any Award, including a window-period limitation, as may be imposed in the sole discretion of the Administrator.
- (d) No fractional Shares shall be issued and the Administrator shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether cash shall be given in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares shall be eliminated by rounding down.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law, the Company and/or its Affiliates may, in lieu of delivering to any Participant certificates evidencing Shares issued in connection with any Award, record the issuance of Shares in the books of the Company (or, as applicable, its transfer agent or stock plan administrator).

11.5 Forfeiture and Claw-Back Provisions.

(a) Pursuant to its general authority to determine the terms and conditions applicable to Awards under the Plan, the Administrator shall have the right to provide, in the terms of Awards made under the Plan, or to require a Participant to agree by separate written or electronic instrument, that: (i) any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received by the Participant upon any receipt or exercise of the Award, or upon the receipt or resale of

any Shares underlying the Award, must be paid to the Company, and (ii) the Award shall terminate and any unexercised portion of the Award (whether or not vested) shall be forfeited, if (x) a Termination of Service occurs prior to a specified date, or within a specified time period following receipt or exercise of the Award, (y) the Participant at any time, or during a specified time period, engages in any activity in competition with the Company, or which is inimical, contrary or harmful to the interests of the Company, as further defined by the Administrator or (z) the Participant incurs a Termination of Service for cause; and

(b) All Awards (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received by the Participant upon any receipt or exercise of any Award or upon the receipt or resale of any Shares underlying the Award)

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shall be subject to the applicable provisions of any claw-back policy implemented by the Company, whether prior to or after the grant of such Award, including without limitation, any claw-back policy adopted to comply with the requirements of Applicable Law, including without limitation the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, to the extent set forth in such claw-back policy and/or in the applicable Award Agreement.

- 11.6 <u>Prohibition on Repricing</u>. Subject to Section 13.2 hereof, the Administrator shall not, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, authorize any amendment to reduce the exercise price of any outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or cancel outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other Awards or Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price that is less than the exercise price of the original Options or Stock Appreciation Rights.
- 11.7 <u>Cash Settlement</u>. Without limiting the generality of any other provision of the Plan, the Administrator may provide, in an Award Agreement or subsequent to the grant of an Award, in its discretion, that any Award may be settled in cash, Shares or a combination thereof.
- 11.8 <u>Leave of Absence</u>. Unless the Administrator provides otherwise, vesting of Awards granted hereunder shall be suspended during any unpaid leave of absence. A Participant shall not cease to be considered an Employee, Non-Employee Director or Consultant, as applicable, in the case of any (a) leave of absence approved by the Company, (b) transfer between locations of the Company or between the Company and any of its Affiliates or any successor thereof, or (c) change in status (Employee to Director, Employee to Consultant, etc.), <u>provided</u> that such change does not affect the specific terms applying to the Participant s Award.
- 11.9 <u>Terms May Vary Between Awards</u>. The terms and conditions of each Award shall be determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion and the Administrator shall have complete flexibility to provide for varied terms and conditions as between any Awards, whether of the same or different Award type and/or whether granted to the same or different Participants (in all cases, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan).

ARTICLE 12.

ADMINISTRATION

12.1 Administrator. Unless the Board has otherwise theretofore delegated the administration of the Plan to a Committee as set forth herein, prior to the Public Trading Date, the Board shall administer the Plan. Effective as of the Public Trading Date, the Committee (or another committee or a subcommittee of the Board assuming the functions of the Committee under the Plan) shall administer the Plan (except as otherwise permitted herein) and, unless otherwise determined by the Board, shall consist solely of two or more Non-Employee Directors appointed by and holding office at the pleasure of the Board, each of whom is intended to qualify as a non-employee director as defined by Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, an outside director for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code and an independent director under the rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded, in each case, to the extent required under such provision; provided, however, that any action taken by the Committee shall be valid and effective, whether or not members of the Committee at the time of such action are later determined not to have satisfied the requirements for membership set forth in this Section 12.1 or otherwise provided in the Company s charter or Bylaws or any charter of the Committee. Except as may otherwise be provided in any charter of the Committee, appointment of Committee members shall be effective upon acceptance of appointment, Committee members may resign at any time by delivering written or electronic notice to the Board, and vacancies in the Committee may only be filled by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the full Board, acting by a majority of its members in office, shall conduct the general administration of the Plan with respect to Awards granted

to Non-Employee Directors and (b) the Board or Committee may delegate its authority hereunder to the extent permitted by Section 12.6 hereof.

12.2 <u>Duties and Powers of Administrator</u>. It shall be the duty of the Administrator to conduct the general administration of the Plan in accordance with its provisions. The Administrator shall have the power to interpret the Plan and all Programs and Award Agreements, and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan and any Program as are not inconsistent with the Plan, to interpret, amend or revoke any such rules and to amend any Program or Award Agreement provided that the rights or obligations of the holder of the Award that is the subject of any such Program or Award Agreement are not affected adversely by such amendment, unless the consent of the Participant is obtained or such amendment is

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otherwise permitted under Section 13.13 hereof. Any such grant or award under the Plan need not be the same with respect to each Participant. Any such interpretations and rules with respect to Incentive Stock Options shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 422 of the Code. In its sole discretion, the Board may at any time and from time to time exercise any and all rights and duties of the Committee under the Plan except with respect to matters which under Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, Section 162(m) of the Code, or the rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded are required to be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee.

- 12.3 Action by the Committee. Unless otherwise established by the Board, in the Company s charter or Bylaws or in any charter of the Committee or as required by Applicable Law, a majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and the acts of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, and acts approved in writing by all members of the Committee in lieu of a meeting, shall be deemed the acts of the Committee. Each member of the Committee is entitled to, in good faith, rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to that member by any officer or other employee of the Company or any Affiliate, the Company s independent certified public accountants, or any executive compensation consultant or other professional retained by the Company to assist in the administration of the Plan.
- 12.4 <u>Authority of Administrator</u>. Subject to any specific designation in the Plan and Applicable Law, the Administrator has the exclusive power, authority and sole discretion to:
- (a) Designate Eligible Individuals to receive Awards;
- (b) Determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to each Eligible Individual;
- (c) Determine the number of Awards to be granted and the number of Shares to which an Award will relate;
- (d) Determine the terms and conditions of any Award granted pursuant to the Plan, including, but not limited to, the exercise price, grant price, or purchase price, any performance criteria, any restrictions or limitations on the Award, any schedule for vesting, lapse of forfeiture restrictions or restrictions on the exercisability of an Award, and accelerations or waivers thereof, and any provisions related to non-competition and recapture of gain on an Award, based in each case on such considerations as the Administrator in its sole discretion determines;
- (e) Determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Award may be settled in, or the exercise price of an Award may be paid in cash, Shares, other Awards, or other property, or an Award may be canceled, forfeited, or surrendered;
- (f) Prescribe the form of each Award Agreement, which need not be identical for each Participant;
- (g) Determine as between the Company, the Partnership and any Subsidiary which entity will make payments with respect to an Award, consistent with applicable securities laws and other Applicable Law;
- (h) Decide all other matters that must be determined in connection with an Award;
- (i) Establish, adopt, or revise any rules and regulations as it may deem necessary or advisable to administer the Plan;
- (j) Interpret the terms of, and any matter arising pursuant to, the Plan, any Program or any Award Agreement; and

- (k) Make all other decisions and determinations that may be required pursuant to the Plan or as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to administer the Plan.
- 12.5 <u>Decisions Binding</u>. The Administrator s interpretation of the Plan, any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan, any Program, any Award Agreement and all decisions and determinations by the Administrator with respect to the Plan are final, binding, and conclusive on all parties.
- 12.6 <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Board or Committee may from time to time delegate to a committee of one or more members of the Board or one or more officers of the Company the authority to grant or amend Awards or to take other administrative actions pursuant to this Article 12; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in no event shall an officer of the Company be delegated the authority to grant Awards to, or amend Awards held by, the following individuals: (a)

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individuals who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, (b) Covered Employees with respect to Awards intended to constitute Performance-Based Compensation, or (c) officers of the Company (or Directors) to whom authority to grant or amend Awards has been delegated hereunder; <u>provided, further</u>, that any delegation of administrative authority shall only be permitted to the extent it is permissible under Section 162(m) of the Code and other Applicable Law. Any delegation hereunder shall be subject to the restrictions and limits that the Board or Committee specifies at the time of such delegation, and the Board may at any time rescind the authority so delegated or appoint a new delegatee. At all times, the delegatee appointed under this Section 12.6 shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the Board and the Committee.

ARTICLE 13.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

13.1 Amendment, Suspension or Termination of the Plan. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 13.1, the Plan may be wholly or partially amended or otherwise modified, suspended or terminated at any time or from time to time by the Board. However, without approval of the Company s stockholders given within twelve (12) months before or after the action by the Administrator, no action of the Administrator may, except as provided in Section 13.2 hereof, (i) increase the Share Limit, the Director Limit or the Individual Award Limits, (ii) authorize any amendment to reduce the exercise price of any outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or cancel outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other Awards or Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price that is less than the exercise price of the original Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in violation of Section 11.6 hereof. Except as provided in Section 13.13 hereof, no amendment, suspension or termination of the Plan shall, without the consent of the Participant, impair any rights or obligations under any Award theretofore granted or awarded, unless the Award itself otherwise expressly so provides. No Awards may be granted or awarded during any period of suspension or after termination of the Plan, and in no event may any Award be granted under the Plan after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date (the Expiration Date). Any Awards that are outstanding on the Expiration Date, or the date of termination of the Plan (if earlier), shall remain in force according to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

13.2 <u>Changes in Common Stock or Assets of the Company, Acquisition or Liquidation of the Company and Other Corporate Events.</u>

- (a) In the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other change affecting the shares of the Company s stock or the share price of the Company s stock other than an Equity Restructuring, the Administrator may make equitable adjustments, if any, to reflect such change with respect to (i) the aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the Share Limit, the Director Limit and the Individual Award Limits); (ii) the number and kind of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards; (iii) the terms and conditions of any outstanding Awards (including, without limitation, any applicable performance targets or criteria with respect thereto); and/or (iv) the grant or exercise price per share for any outstanding Awards under the Plan. Any adjustment affecting an Award intended as Performance-Based Compensation shall be made consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code unless otherwise determined by the Administrator.
- (b) In the event of any transaction or event described in Section 13.2(a) hereof or any unusual or nonrecurring transactions or events affecting the Company, any Affiliate, or the financial statements of the Company or any Affiliate, or of changes in Applicable Law or accounting principles, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, and on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, either by the terms of the Award or by action taken prior to the

occurrence of such transaction or event, is hereby authorized to take any one or more of the following actions whenever the Administrator determines that such action is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan or with respect to any Award under the Plan, to facilitate such transactions or events or to give effect to such changes in laws, regulations or principles:

(i) To provide for either (A) termination of any such Award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or other property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction or event described in this Section 13.2, the Administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Company without payment) or (B) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the

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Administrator in its sole discretion having an aggregate value not exceeding the amount that could have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Participant s rights had such Award been currently exercisable or payable or fully vested;

- (ii) To provide that such Award be assumed by the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, or shall be substituted for by similar options, rights or awards covering the stock of the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kind of shares and prices;
- (iii) To make adjustments in the number and type of securities subject to outstanding Awards and Awards which may be granted in the future and/or in the terms, conditions and criteria included in such Awards (including the grant or exercise price, as applicable);
- (iv) To provide that such Award shall be exercisable or payable or fully vested with respect to all securities covered thereby, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or an applicable Program or Award Agreement; and
- (v) To provide that the Award cannot vest, be exercised or become payable after such event.
- (c) In connection with the occurrence of any Equity Restructuring, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections 13.2(a) and 13.2(b) hereof:
- (i) The number and type of securities subject to each outstanding Award and the exercise price or grant price thereof, if applicable, shall be equitably adjusted; and/or
- (ii) The Administrator shall make such equitable adjustments, if any, as the Administrator in its discretion may deem appropriate to reflect such Equity Restructuring with respect to the aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments to the Share Limit, the Director Limit and the Individual Award Limits).

The adjustments provided under this Section 13.2(c) shall be nondiscretionary and shall be final and binding on the affected Participant and the Company.

- (d) Except as may otherwise be provided in any applicable Award Agreement or other written agreement entered into between the Company (or an Affiliate) and a Participant, if a Change in Control occurs and a Participant s outstanding Awards are not continued, converted, assumed, or replaced by the surviving or successor entity in such Change in Control, then immediately prior to the Change in Control such outstanding Awards, to the extent not continued, converted, assumed, or replaced, shall become fully vested and exercisable, and all forfeiture, repurchase and other restrictions on such Awards shall lapse. Upon, or in anticipation of, a Change in Control, the Administrator may cause any and all Awards outstanding hereunder to terminate at a specific time in the future, including but not limited to the date of such Change in Control, and shall give each Participant the right to exercise such Awards during a period of time as the Administrator, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine. For the avoidance of doubt, if the value of an Award that is terminated in connection with this Section 13.2(d) is zero or negative at the time of such Change in Control, such Award shall be terminated upon the Change in Control without payment of consideration therefor.
- (e) The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, include such further provisions and limitations in any Award, agreement or certificate, as it may deem equitable and in the best interests of the Company that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan.

(f) With respect to Awards which are granted to Covered Employees and are intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, no adjustment or action described in this Section 13.2 or in any other provision of the Plan shall be authorized to the extent that such adjustment or action would cause such Award to fail to so qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, unless the Administrator determines that the Award should not so qualify. No adjustment or action described in this Section 13.2 or in any other provision of the Plan shall be authorized to the extent that such adjustment or action would cause the Plan to violate Section 422(b)(1) of the Code. Furthermore, no such adjustment or action shall be authorized with respect to any Award to the extent such adjustment or action would result in short-swing profits liability under Section 16 of the Exchange Act or violate the exemptive conditions of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act unless the Administrator determines that the Award is not to comply with such exemptive conditions.

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- (g) The existence of the Plan, any Program, any Award Agreement and/or any Award granted hereunder shall not affect or restrict in any way the right or power of the Company, the stockholders of the Company or any Affiliate to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company s or such Affiliate s capital structure or its business, any merger or consolidation of the Company or any Affiliate, any issue of stock or of options, warrants or rights to purchase stock or of bonds, debentures, preferred or prior preference stocks whose rights are superior to or affect the Common Stock, the securities of any Affiliate or the rights thereof or which are convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock or securities of any Affiliate, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any Affiliate, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.
- (h) No action shall be taken under this Section 13.2 which shall cause an Award to fail to comply with Section 409A of the Code or an exemption therefrom, in either case, to the extent applicable to such Award, unless the Administrator determines any such adjustments to be appropriate.
- (i) In the event of any pending stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other change affecting the Shares or the share price of the Common Stock including any Equity Restructuring, for reasons of administrative convenience, the Company in its sole discretion may refuse to permit the exercise of any Award during a period of thirty (30) days prior to the consummation of any such transaction.
- 13.3 Approval of Plan by Stockholders. The Plan (as amended and restated) shall be submitted for the approval of the Company s stockholders within twelve (12) months after the date of the Board s initial adoption of the Plan (as amended and restated). Awards may be granted or awarded under the Plan (as amended and restated) and subject to the terms and conditions of the Original Plan following the Board s adoption of the Plan (as amended and restated) unless and until the Plan (as amended and restated) receives stockholder approval. Awards granted from and after stockholder approval of the Plan (as amended and restated) will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan (as amended and restated). If the Plan (as amended and restated) is not approved by stockholders within twelve (12) months after its adoption by the Board, then the Original Plan shall continue on its existing terms and conditions and the Plan (as amended and restated) shall be of no force or effect.
- 13.4 <u>No Stockholders Rights</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein or in an applicable Program or Award Agreement, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a stockholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Participant becomes the record owner of such Shares.
- 13.5 <u>Paperless Administration</u>. In the event that the Company establishes, for itself or using the services of a third party, an automated system for the documentation, granting or exercise of Awards, such as a system using an internet website or interactive voice response, then the paperless documentation, granting or exercise of Awards by a Participant may be permitted through the use of such an automated system.
- 13.6 Section 83(b) Election. No Participant may make an election under Section 83(b) of the Code with respect to any Award under the Plan without the consent of the Administrator, which the Administrator may grant (prospectively or retroactively) or withhold in its sole discretion. If, with the consent of the Administrator, a Participant makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to be taxed with respect to the Restricted Stock as of the date of transfer of the Restricted Stock rather than as of the date or dates upon which the Participant would otherwise be taxable under Section 83(a) of the Code, the Participant shall be required to deliver a copy of such election to the Company promptly after filing such election with the Internal Revenue Service.

13.7 <u>Grant of Awards to Certain Employees or Consultants</u>. The Company, the Partnership or any Subsidiary may provide through the establishment of a formal written policy or otherwise for the method by which Shares or other securities of the Company or the Partnership may be issued and by which such Shares or other securities and/or payment therefor may be exchanged or contributed among such entities, or may be returned upon any forfeiture of Shares or other securities by the Participant, for the purpose of ensuring that the relationship between the Company and its Affiliates remain at arm s-length.

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- 13.8 <u>REIT Status</u>. The Plan shall be interpreted and construed in a manner consistent with the Company s status as a REIT. No Award shall be granted or awarded, and with respect to any Award granted under the Plan, such Award shall not vest, be exercisable or be settled:
- (a) to the extent that the grant, vesting, exercise or settlement of such Award could cause the Participant or any other person to be in violation of the Common Stock Ownership Limit or the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit (each as defined in the Company s charter, as amended from time to time) or any other provision of Section 6.2.1(a) of the Company s charter; or
- (b) if, in the discretion of the Administrator, the grant, vesting, exercise or settlement of such award could impair the Company s status as a REIT.
- 13.9 Effect of Plan upon Other Compensation Plans. The adoption of the Plan shall not affect any other compensation or incentive plans in effect for the Company or any Affiliate. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to limit the right of the Company or any Affiliate: (a) to establish any other forms of incentives or compensation for Employees, Directors or Consultants of the Company or any Affiliate or (b) to grant or assume options or other rights or awards otherwise than under the Plan in connection with any proper corporate purpose including without limitation, the grant or assumption of options in connection with the acquisition by purchase, lease, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of the business, stock or assets of any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm or association.
- 13.10 Compliance with Laws. The Plan, the granting and vesting of Awards under the Plan, the issuance and delivery of Shares and LTIP Units and the payment of money under the Plan or under Awards granted or awarded hereunder are subject to compliance with all Applicable Law and to such approvals by any listing, regulatory or governmental authority as may, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, be necessary or advisable in connection therewith. Any securities delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such restrictions, and the person acquiring such securities shall, if requested by the Company, provide such assurances and representations to the Company as the Company may deem necessary or desirable to assure compliance with all Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan and Awards granted or awarded hereunder shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such Applicable Law.
- 13.11 <u>Titles and Headings</u>, <u>References to Sections of the Code or Exchange Act</u>. The titles and headings of the sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only and, in the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings, shall control. References to sections of the Code or the Exchange Act shall include any amendment or successor thereto.
- 13.12 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and any Programs or Award Agreements hereunder shall be administered, interpreted and enforced under the internal laws of the State of Arizona without regard to conflicts of laws thereof.
- 13.13 Section 409A. To the extent that the Administrator determines that any Award granted under the Plan is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Plan, any applicable Program and the Award Agreement covering such Award shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in the event that, following the Effective Date, the Administrator determines that any Award may be subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Administrator may adopt such amendments to the Plan, any applicable Program and the Award Agreement or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions, that the Administrator determines are necessary or appropriate to avoid the imposition of taxes on the Award under Section 409A of the Code, either through compliance with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or with an available exemption therefrom.

- 13.14 <u>No Rights to Awards</u>. No Eligible Individual or other person shall have any claim to be granted any Award pursuant to the Plan, and neither the Company nor the Administrator is obligated to treat Eligible Individuals, Participants or any other persons uniformly.
- 13.15 <u>Unfunded Status of Awards</u>. The Plan is intended to be an unfunded plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Program or Award Agreement shall give the Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company or any Affiliate.
- 13.16 <u>Indemnification</u>. To the extent allowable pursuant to Applicable Law and the Company s charter and Bylaws, each member of the Board and any officer or other employee to whom authority to administer any component of the Plan is delegated shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed

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upon or reasonably incurred by such member in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action or failure to act pursuant to the Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in satisfaction of judgment in such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her; provided, however, that he or she gives the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such persons may be entitled pursuant to the Company s Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

13.17 <u>Relationship to other Benefits</u>. No payment pursuant to the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare or other benefit plan of the Company or any Affiliate except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in writing in such other plan or an agreement thereunder.

13.18 Expenses. The expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company and its Affiliates.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Plan (as amended and restated) was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. on March 30, 2016.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Plan (as amended and restated) was approved by the stockholders of Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. on this day of , 2016.

Executed on this day of , 2016.

Phillip D. Joseph, Jr. *Acting Corporate Secretary*

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ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF SPIRIT REALTY CAPITAL, INC.

May 11, 2016

PROXY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

<u>INTERNET</u> - Access <u>www.voteproxy.com</u> and follow the on-screen instructions or scan the QR code with your smartphone. Have your proxy card available when you access the web page.

TELEPHONE - Call toll-free **1-800-PROXIES** (1-800-776-9437) in the United States or **1-718-921-8500** from foreign countries from any touch-tone telephone and follow the instructions. Have your proxy card available when you call.

COMPANY NUMBER

Vote online/phone until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the meeting.

MAIL - Sign, date and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

IN PERSON - You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting.

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NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS:

The Notice of Meeting, proxy statement and proxy card

are available at http://www.astproxyportal.com/ast/18368 i Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided <u>IF</u> you are not voting via telephone or the Internet. i

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR, AND FOR PROPOSALS 2, 3 AND 4.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE x

1. The election of nine directors nominated by our Board of Directors and named in the accompanying Proxy Statement to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualify;

2. The ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016;

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

NOMINEES:

Kevin M. Charlton

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

" FOR ALL NOMINEES

Todd A. Dunn

David J. Gilbert

WITHHOLD AUTHORITY

Richard I. Gilchrist

FOR ALL NOMINEES

0 Diane M. Morefield

FOR ALL EXCEPT

Thomas H. Nolan, Jr.

(See instructions below)

O Sheli Z. Rosenberg

O Thomas D. Senkbeil

Nicholas P. Shepherd

3. The approval of the Amended and Restated Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. and Spirit Realty, L.P. 2012 Incentive Award Plan, which would increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance thereunder by 5,500,000 shares;

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

4. A non-binding, advisory resolution to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as described in the accompanying Proxy Statement; and

5. Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any

INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark FOR ALL EXCEPT and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: 1

In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. This proxy when properly executed will be voted as directed herein by the undersigned Stockholder. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR ALL NOMINEES in Proposal 1, and FOR Proposals 2, 3

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

Signature of Stockholder

Date:

Signature of Stockholder

adjournments or postponements thereof.

Date:

Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

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Proxy for Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. on May 11, 2016

Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned may revoke or change this proxy at any time prior to its use at the Annual Meeting by giving the Company written direction to revoke it, by authorizing a new proxy or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not by itself revoke a proxy. Written notice of revocation or a subsequent proxy should be sent to: Spirit Realty Capital, Inc., 16767 N. Perimeter Drive, Suite 210, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, Attention: Corporate Secretary, so as to be delivered before the taking of the vote at the Annual Meeting.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the notice of the Annual Meeting and the Proxy Statement furnished herewith, the terms of each of which are incorporated by reference, and revokes any proxy heretofore given with respect to the Annual Meeting.

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