

HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES TRUST  
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# Hospitality Properties Trust

**Two Newton Place, 255 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, Massachusetts 02458**

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

We have previously distributed to you proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Hospitality Properties Trust to be held on June 1, 2015. You may know Unite Here, a labor union that owns a de minimus number shares and that we believe has interests which are very different from our Company's best interests, is soliciting votes against our recommendations. Therefore, it is imperative that you vote in support of your Board's recommendation on each White proxy card you receive, as only your latest dated proxy will be counted.

The Annual Meeting is now only a short time away. Please provide your voting instructions as soon as possible in order to make sure that your shares will be voted at the meeting. If you hold your shares in the name of a brokerage firm, your broker cannot vote your shares on certain proposals unless you provide specific instructions.

**Your vote is important and we ask you to vote today.**

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**Please complete, sign, date and mail the enclosed voting form (or follow the Internet or telephone voting instructions on the enclosed form).**

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Your Board of Trustees,

Bruce M. Gans, M.D.

John L. Harrington

William A. Lamkin

Adam D. Portnoy

Barry M. Portnoy

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**IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT**

Hospitality Properties Trust ( HPT ) has filed a definitive proxy statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) with respect to HPT 's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders (the 2015 Annual Meeting ). HPT SHAREHOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, THE ACCOMPANYING WHITE PROXY CARD AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT HPT MAY FILE WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

HPT, its Trustees and certain of its executive officers, and Reit Management & Research LLC and certain of its directors, officers and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the 2015 Annual Meeting. Additional information regarding the identity of the potential participants and their direct or indirect interests, by share holdings or otherwise, is set forth in HPT 's definitive proxy statement. Shareholders may obtain free of charge copies of HPT 's definite proxy statement and any other documents filed by HPT with the SEC at the SEC 's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)), at HPT 's website ([www.hptreit.com](http://www.hptreit.com)), by requesting these materials from HPT Investor Relations, by phone at (617) 796-8232, or by mail at Two Newton Place, 255 Washington Street, Newton, MA, or from HPT 's proxy solicitation firm, Morrow & Co., LLC (toll-free) at (800) 662-5200.

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