

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST
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Dear Fellow Shareholders:

We have previously distributed to you proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Senior Housing Properties Trust to be held on May 19, 2015.

According to our latest records we have not yet received your vote. The Annual Meeting is now only a short time away. It is important that you 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 encourage you to vote today.

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.

The Board of Trustees,

John L. Harrington, Adam D. Portnoy, Barry M. Portnoy, Jeffrey P. Somers, Frederick N. Zeytoonjian
