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Important Notice to Fund Shareholders

October 16, 2012

Although we recommend that you read the complete Joint Proxy Statement, for your convenience, we have provided a brief overview of the issues to be voted on.

Q. Why am I receiving this Joint Proxy Statement?

- A. You are receiving this Joint Proxy Statement in connection with the annual shareholders meeting of the Nuveen closed-end funds listed at the top of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders (each a Fund and collectively, the Funds). The following proposals will be considered:
 - (i) the election of board members for each Fund (the list of specific nominees is contained in the enclosed Joint Proxy Statement); and
 - (ii) the elimination of the current fundamental investment policy and adoption of a new fundamental investment policy regarding the ability to make loans by each Affected Municipal Fund (as defined in the Joint Proxy Statement) in order to update and conform such Funds policies with other Nuveen closed-end municipal funds.

Your Fund s Board of Trustees/Directors (Board), including your Board s independent members, unanimously recommends that you vote FOR each proposal.

Your vote is very important. We encourage you as a shareholder to participate in your Fund s governance by returning your vote as soon as possible. If enough shareholders don t cast their votes, your Fund may not be able to hold its meeting or the vote on each issue, and will be required to incur additional solicitation costs in order to obtain sufficient shareholder participation.

Proposal Regarding New Fundamental Investment Policy Relating to Loans

Q. Why are the Affected Municipal Funds proposing a change to their fundamental investment policies?

A. The proposal is part of a multi-year effort to ensure that all of Nuveen s municipal bond closed-end funds have a uniform and up-to-date set of investment policies that reflect the evolution and changes in the municipal bond market that have emerged over the past 20 years. The proposed changes are part of a more comprehensive best practices initiative on behalf of the funds that began more than three years ago.

Nuveen s municipal bond closed-end funds have been brought to market at different intervals over the course of more than 20 years, and reflect various policies and investment capabilities prevalent at the time of their creation. The investment policies of older funds generally do not reflect subsequent developments in the municipal market, including new types of securities and investment strategies. Consequently, many of Nuveen s more recently offered municipal bond closed-end funds feature investment capabilities not uniformly enjoyed by older municipal bond closed-end funds. The proposal set forth in the Joint Proxy Statement is designed to provide those funds with the same portfolio management tools currently available to Nuveen s more recently offered funds.

Q. What are the potential benefits of the new fundamental investment policy relating to loans for common shareholders of the Affected Municipal Funds?

A.

The proposed new fundamental investment policy would permit each Fund to make loans to the extent permitted by the securities laws. This would generally permit each Fund to lend up to $33^{1}/_{3}\%$ of its total assets. Among other things, this change is intended to

provide each Affected Municipal Fund the flexibility to make loans in circumstances where a municipal issuer is in distress, if Nuveen Fund Advisors, Inc. believes that doing so would both:

- (i) facilitate a timely workout of the issuer s situation in a manner which benefits that Fund; and
- (ii) be the best choice for reducing the likelihood or severity of loss on the Fund s investment.

 A loan to an issuer in distress involves risk. In this circumstance, it is possible a Fund could lose its entire investment with an issuer as well as the amount loaned.

Q. Was there a particular catalyst or portfolio concern prompting the loan policy proposal?

A. This proposal is part of a broader policy initiative undertaken by Nuveen for the past several years. There are currently no identified credit situations within the complex where the use of this greater loan flexibility is intended or targeted. As stated in the Joint Proxy Statement, this policy change proposal reflects the broader intent to provide Nuveen s municipal closed-end funds, including the Affected Municipal Funds, the same portfolio management flexibility already available to other funds with similar investment objectives within the Nuveen complex.

Q. Does the loan policy proposal reflect a growing concern on Nuveen s part over the state of municipal issuers?

A. Nuveen s portfolio management and research team is actively engaged in monitoring both macro issues impacting the municipal bond market as well as individual credit holdings held by the various Nuveen funds. The team regularly comments on the strength of the municipal bond market as well as provides in-depth research articles. Providing an Affected Municipal Fund with the option of making loans to help facilitate a timely workout of a distressed issuer s situation merely provides the Fund with an additional tool to help preserve shareholder value, and, importantly, should not be viewed as a commentary on the state of the municipal bond market.

Q. Have the Nuveen municipal closed-end funds participated in loans to municipal issuers in the past?

A. Though such a loan situation in the municipal market is rare, it represents a more common workout practice in the corporate bond market. The most recent situation where a Nuveen fund with the flexibility to do so made a loan to an issuer facing a credit workout situation occurred approximately eight years ago. Since that time, a limited number of funds having a policy permitting the making of loans have considered doing so in particular workout situations, but ultimately determined to take other actions in pursuit of maximizing shareholder value.

Q. Is this proposal in response to any past or current municipal credit litigation?

A. This proposal is not related to any past or pending litigation.

Q. If approved, do you know when/if you plan to employ this option?

A. As stated in the Joint Proxy Statement, this policy is designed to provide each Affected Municipal Fund with the flexibility to make loans in circumstances where a municipal issuer is in distress if the adviser believes that doing so would both:

facilitate a timely workout of the issuer s situation in a manner that benefits the Fund; and,

is the best choice for reducing the likelihood or severity of loss on the Fund s investment.

Again, there are currently no identified credit situations within the complex where this option is intended or targeted.

Q. Will this option impact how the underlying bonds should be valued?

A. The Affected Municipal Funds will value a loan based on several factors that draw upon policies and procedures adopted and approved by each Fund s Board that are able to value instruments issued in these types of situations. As with any investment, risks exist, and if the adviser is wrong, the valuation of a particular loan could be impacted and effect the value of the underlying bond held in the Fund. However, we would not expect that any loans would constitute a meaningful portion of a Fund s total assets.

General

Q. What actions are required in order to implement the new investment policy for each Affected Mutual Fund?

A. In order to implement the new investment policy relating to the Fund s ability to make loans and obtain the potential benefits described above, shareholders are being asked to approve the elimination of the existing fundamental policy and the implementation of the new replacement fundamental policy.

Q. What happens if shareholders do not approve the elimination of the fundamental investment policy and/or do not approve the new investment policy?

A. The Fund will not be able to implement the new investment policy as discussed above. The Fund would likely incur further expenses to solicit additional shareholder participation, and may experience potential disruptions to its investment operations. Each Fund s Board urges you to vote without delay in order to avoid the potential for higher costs and/or disruptions to portfolio operations.

Q. Who do I call if I have questions?

A. If you need any assistance, or have any questions regarding the proposals or how to vote your shares, please call Computershare Fund Services, your Fund s proxy solicitor, at (866) 209-5784 weekdays during its business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time. Please have your proxy materials available when you call.

Q. How do I vote my shares?

A. You can vote your shares by completing and signing the enclosed proxy card, and mailing it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Alternatively, you may vote by telephone by calling the toll-free number on the proxy card or by computer by going to the Internet address provided on the proxy card and following the instructions, using your proxy card as a guide.

Q. Will anyone contact me?

A. You may receive a call from Computershare Fund Services, the proxy solicitor hired by your Fund, to verify that you received your proxy materials, to answer any questions you may have about the proposals and to encourage you to vote your proxy.

We recognize the inconvenience of the proxy solicitation process and would not impose on you if we did not believe that the matters being proposed were important and in the best interests of the Funds. Once your vote has been registered with the proxy solicitor, your name will be

removed from the solicitor s follow-up contact list.

333 West Wacker Drive

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders November 14, 2012

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Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NVX, NVX PrA, NVX PrC)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NZH, NZH PrC, NZH PrA, NZH PrB)

Nuveen California Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NQC)

Nuveen California Municipal Market Opportunity Fund, Inc. (NCO)

Nuveen California Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (NCA)

Nuveen California Municipal Value Fund 2 (NCB)

Nuveen California Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (NCP)

Nuveen California Premium Income Municipal Fund (NCU, NCU PrC)

Nuveen California Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NUC)

Nuveen California Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NVC)

Nuveen Connecticut Premium Income Municipal Fund (NTC, NTC PrC, NTC PrD, NTC PrE, NTC PrF, NTC PrG)

Nuveen Georgia Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NKG, NKG PrC, NKG PrD, NKG PrE)

Nuveen Maryland Premium Income Municipal Fund (NMY, NMY PrC, NMY PrD, NMY PrE, NMY PrF, NMY PrG, NMY PrH)

Nuveen Massachusetts AMT-Free Municipal Income Fund (NGX, NGX PrC)

Nuveen Massachusetts Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NMB, NMB PrC)

Nuveen Massachusetts Premium Income Municipal Fund (NMT, NMT PrC, NMT PrD)

Nuveen Missouri Premium Income Municipal Fund (NOM, NOM PrC)

Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NXJ, NXJ PrA)

Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NUJ, NUJ PrC)

Nuveen New Jersey Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NQJ)

Nuveen New Jersey Municipal Value Fund (NJV)

Nuveen New Jersey Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NNJ)

Nuveen North Carolina Premium Income Municipal Fund (NNC, NNC PrC, NNC PrD, NNC PrE, NNC PrF, NNC PrG)

Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NXM, NXM PrC)

Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NVY, NVY PrC)

Nuveen Pennsylvania Investment Quality Municipal Fund (NQP)

Nuveen Pennsylvania Premium Income Municipal Fund 2 (NPY)

Nuveen Pennsylvania Municipal Value Fund (NPN)

Nuveen Texas Quality Income Municipal Fund (NTX, NTX PrC)

Nuveen Virginia Premium Income Municipal Fund (NPV, NPV PrC, NPV PrA, NPV PrD, NPV PrE)

To the Shareholders of the Above Funds:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) of Nuveen California Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Investment Quality), Nuveen California Municipal Market Opportunity Fund, Inc. (California Market Opportunity), Nuveen California Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (California Value), Nuveen California Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Performance Plus), Nuveen California Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Quality Income), Nuveen California Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Select Quality), Nuveen New Jersey Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (New Jersey Investment Quality) and Nuveen New Jersey Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (New Jersey Premium Income), each a Minnesota corporation (each a Minnesota Fund and collectively, the Minnesota Funds), and Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund (Floating Rate Income), Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund (Floating Rate Income Opportunity), Nuveen Senior Income Fund (Senior Income), Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund (Short Duration Credit Opportunities), Nuveen California AMT-Free Municipal Income Fund (California AMT-Free), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (California Dividend Advantage), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (California Dividend Advantage 2), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (California Dividend Advantage 3), Nuveen California Municipal Value 2 (California Value 2), Nuveen California Premium Income Municipal Fund (California Premium Income), Nuveen Connecticut Premium Income Municipal Fund (Premium Income), Nuveen Georgia Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (Georgia Dividend Advantage 2), Nuveen Maryland Premium Income Municipal Fund (Maryland Premium Income), Nuveen Massachusetts AMT-Free Municipal Income Fund (Massachusetts AMT Free), Nuveen Massachusetts Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Massachusetts Dividend Advantage), Nuveen Massachusetts Premium Income Municipal Fund (Massachusetts Premium Income), Nuveen Missouri Premium Income Municipal Fund (Missouri Premium Income), Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (New Jersey Dividend Advantage), Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (New Jersey Dividend Advantage 2), Nuveen New Jersey Municipal Value Fund (New Jersey Value), Nuveen North Carolina Premium Income Municipal Fund (North Carolina Premium Income), Nuveen Pennsylvania Municipal Value Fund (Pennsylvania Value), Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage), Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage 2), Nuveen Pennsylvania Investment Quality Municipal Fund (Pennsylvania Investment Quality), Nuveen Pennsylvania Premium Income Municipal Fund 2 (Pennsylvania Premium Income 2), Nuveen Texas Quality Income Municipal Fund (Texas Quality Income) and Nuveen Virginia Premium Income Municipal Fund (Virginia Premium Income), each a Massachusetts business trust (each a Massachusetts Fund and collectively, the Massachusetts Funds) (the Minnesota Funds and Massachusetts Funds are each, a Fund and collectively, the Funds), will be held in the principal executive offices of Nuveen Investments, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., Central time, for the following purposes and to transact such other business, if any, as may properly come before the Annual Meeting:

Matters to Be Voted on by Shareholders:

- 1. To elect Members to the Board of Directors/Trustees (each a Board and each Director or Trustee a Board Member) of each Fund as outlined below:
 - a. For each Minnesota Fund, except California Value, to elect ten (10) Board Members:
 - (i) eight (8) Board Members to be elected by the holders of Common Shares and Municipal Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares (Preferred Shares), voting together as a single class; and
 - (ii) two (2) Board Members to be elected by the holders of Preferred Shares only, voting as a single class.
 - b. For California Value, to elect three (3) Board Members.
 - c. For each Massachusetts Fund, except Floating Rate Income, Floating Rate Income Opportunity, Senior Income, Short Duration Credit Opportunities, California Value 2, New Jersey Value and Pennsylvania Value, to elect four (4) Board Members:
 - (i) two (2) Board Members to be elected by the holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class; and
 - (ii) two (2) Board Members to be elected by the holders of Preferred Shares only, voting as a single class.
 - d. For Floating Rate Income, Floating Rate Income Opportunity, Senior Income, Short Duration Credit Opportunities, California Value 2, New Jersey Value and Pennsylvania Value to elect three (3) Board Members.
- 2. To approve the elimination of the fundamental investment policy and to approve the new fundamental investment policy for each Affected Municipal Fund (as defined in the Joint Proxy Statement).
 - (a)(i) For shareholders of each Affected Municipal Fund, all shareholders voting as a single class, to approve the elimination of each Fund s existing fundamental investment policy related to the Fund s ability to make loans.
 - (a)(ii) For shareholders of each Affected Municipal Fund, the Preferred Shares voting as a single class, to approve the elimination of each Fund s existing fundamental investment policy related to the Fund s ability to make loans.
 - (b)(i) For shareholders of each Affected Municipal Fund, all shareholders voting as a single class, to approve a new fundamental investment policy related to the Fund s ability to make loans.
 - (b)(ii) For shareholders of each Affected Municipal Fund, the Preferred Shares voting as a single class, to approve a new fundamental investment policy related to the Fund s ability to make loans.

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. Shareholders of record at the close of business on September 17, 2012 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. In order to avoid delay and additional expense and to assure that your shares are represented, please vote as promptly as possible, regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. You may vote by mail, telephone or over the Internet. To vote by mail, please mark, sign, date and mail the enclosed proxy card. No postage is required if mailed in the United States. To vote by telephone, please call the toll-free number located on your proxy card and follow the recorded instructions, using your proxy card as a guide. To vote over the Internet, go to the Internet address provided on your proxy card and follow the instructions, using your proxy card as a guide.

Kevin J. McCarthy

Vice President and Secretary

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General Information

This Joint Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors or Trustees (each a Board and collectively, the Boards, and each Director or Trustee, a Board Member and collectively, the Board Members) of Nuveen California Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Investment Quality), Nuveen California Municipal Market Opportunity Fund, Inc. (California Market Opportunity), Nuveen California Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (California Value), Nuveen California Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Performance Plus), Nuveen California Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Quality Income), Nuveen California Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (California Select Quality), Nuveen New Jersey Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (New Jersey Investment Quality), and Nuveen New Jersey Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (New Jersey Premium Income), each a Minnesota Corporation (each a Minnesota Fund and collectively, the Minnesota Funds), and Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund (Floating Rate Income), Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund (Floating Rate Income Opportunity), Nuveen Senior Income Fund (Senior Income), Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund (Short Duration Credit Opportunities), Nuveen California AMT-Free Municipal Income Fund (California AMT-Free), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (California Dividend Advantage), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (California Dividend Advantage 2), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (California Dividend Advantage 3), Nuveen California Municipal Value 2 (California Value 2), Nuveen California Premium Income Municipal Fund (California Premium Income), Nuveen Connecticut Premium Income Municipal Fund (Connecticut Premium Income), Nuveen Georgia Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (Georgia Dividend Advantage 2), Nuveen Maryland Premium Income Municipal Fund (Maryland Premium Income), Nuveen Massachusetts AMT-Free Municipal Income Fund (Massachusetts AMT Free), Nuveen Massachusetts Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Massachusetts Dividend Advantage), Nuveen Massachusetts Premium Income Municipal Fund (Massachusetts Premium Income), Nuveen Missouri Premium Income Municipal Fund (Missouri Premium Income), Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (New Jersey Dividend Advantage), Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (New Jersey Dividend Advantage), Nuveen New Jersey Municipal Value Fund (New Jersey Value), Nuveen North Carolina Premium Income Municipal Fund (North Carolina Premium Income), Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage), Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage 2), Nuveen Pennsylvania Investment Quality Municipal Fund (Pennsylvania Investment Quality), Nuveen Pennsylvania Premium Income Municipal Fund 2 (Pennsylvania Premium Income 2), Nuveen Pennsylvania Municipal Value Fund (Pennsylvania Value), Nuveen Texas Quality Income Municipal Fund (Texas Quality Income) and Nuveen Virginia Premium Income Municipal Fund (Virginia Premium Income), each a Massachusetts Business Trust (each a Massachusetts Fund and collectively, the Massachusetts Funds) (the Massachusetts Funds and Minnesota Funds are each, a Fund and collectively, the Funds), of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in the principal executive offices of Nuveen Investments, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., Central time (for each Fund, an Annual Meeting and collectively, the Annual Meetings), and at any and all adjournments thereof.

On the matters coming before each Annual Meeting as to which a choice has been specified by shareholders on the proxy, the shares will be voted accordingly. If a proxy is returned and no choice is specified, the shares will be voted **FOR** the election of the nominees as listed in this Joint Proxy Statement and **FOR** the elimination of the current fundamental investment policy and the adoption of a new fundamental investment policy for California Dividend Advantage 2, Massachusetts Premium Income and New Jersey Dividend Advantage 2 (each an Affected Municipal Fund and collectively, the Affected Municipal Funds). Shareholders of a Fund who execute proxies may revoke them at any time before they are voted by filing with that Fund a written notice of revocation, by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

The Board of each Fund has determined that the use of this Joint Proxy Statement for each Annual Meeting is in the best interest of each Fund and its shareholders in light of the similar matters being considered and voted on by the shareholders.

The following table indicates which shareholders are solicited with respect to each matter:

Matter		Common Shares	Preferred Shares(1)
1(a)(i)	For each Minnesota Fund, except California Value, election of eight (8) Board	X	X
	Members by all shareholders.		
1(a)(ii)	For each Minnesota Fund, except California Value, election of two (2) Board		X
	Members by Preferred Shares only.		
1(b)	For California Value, election of three (3) Board Members by all shareholders.	X	N/A
1(c)(i)	For each Massachusetts Fund, except Floating Rate Income, Floating Rate Income	X	X
	Opportunity, Senior Income, Short Duration Credit Opportunities, California		
	Value 2, New Jersey Value and Pennsylvania Value, election of four (4) Board		
	Members by all shareholders.		
1(c)(ii)	For each Massachusetts Fund, except Floating Rate Income, Floating Rate Income		X
	Opportunity, Senior Income, Short Duration Credit Opportunities, California		
	Value 2, New Jersey Value and Pennsylvania Value, election of two (2) Board		
	Members by Preferred Shares only.		
1(d)	For Floating Rate Income, Floating Rate Income Opportunity, Senior Income,	X	N/A
	Short Duration Credit Opportunities, California Value 2, New Jersey Value and		
	Pennsylvania Value, election of three (3) Board Members by all shareholders.		

Matter		Common Shares	Preferred Shares ⁽¹⁾
2(a)(i)	For each Affected Municipal Fund, all shareholders voting as a single class, to approve the elimination of the Fund s fundamental investment policy relating to the Fund s ability to make loans.	X	X
2(a)(ii)	For each Affected Municipal Fund, the Preferred Shares voting separately as a single class, to approve the elimination of the Fund s fundamental investment policy relating to the Fund s ability to make loans.		X
2(b)(i)	For each Affected Municipal Fund, all shareholders voting as a single class, to approve a new fundamental investment policy relating to the Fund s ability to make loans.	X	X
2(b)(ii)	For each Affected Municipal Fund, the Preferred Shares voting separately as a single class, to approve a new fundamental investment policy relating to the Fund s ability to make loans.		X

(1) Municipal Term Preferred Shares for California Dividend Advantage 2, California Dividend Advantage 3, California Premium Income, Connecticut Premium Income, Georgia Dividend Advantage 2, Maryland Premium Income, Massachusetts AMT-Free Massachusetts, Dividend Advantage, Massachusetts Premium Income, Missouri Premium Income, New Jersey Dividend Advantage, New Jersey Dividend Advantage 2, North Carolina Premium Income, Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage, Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage 2, Texas Quality Income and Virginia Premium Income; Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares for California AMT-Free, California Dividend Advantage, California Investment Quality, California Market Opportunity, California Performance Plus, California Select Quality, California Quality Income, New Jersey Investment Quality, New Jersey Premium Income, Pennsylvania Investment Quality, and Pennsylvania Premium Income 2 are referred to as Preferred Shares. California Value, California Value 2, New Jersey Value, Pennsylvania Value, Floating Rate Income, Floating Rate Income Opportunity, Senior Income and Short Duration Credit Opportunities do not have any Preferred Shares outstanding.

A quorum of shareholders is required to take action at each Annual Meeting. A majority of the shares entitled to vote at each Annual Meeting, represented in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum of shareholders at that Annual Meeting, except that for the election of the two Board Member nominees to be elected by holders of Preferred Shares of each Fund (except California Value, California Value 2, New Jersey Value, Pennsylvania Value, Floating Rate Income, Floating Rate Income Opportunity, Senior Income and Short Duration Credit Opportunities), 33 \(^1/_3\%\) of the Preferred Shares entitled to vote and represented in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum. Votes cast by proxy or in person at each Annual Meeting will be tabulated by the inspectors of election appointed for that Annual Meeting. The inspectors of election will determine whether or not a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. The inspectors of election will treat abstentions and broker non-votes (i.e., shares held by brokers or nominees, typically in street name, as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) as present for purposes of determining a quorum.

For each Fund, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be required to elect the Board Members of that Fund. For purposes of

determining the approval of the proposal to elect nominees for each Fund, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of Board Members. For purposes of determining the approval of the elimination of the fundamental investment policies and the approval of the new fundamental investment policies for the Affected Municipal Funds, a change will only be consummated if approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of a Fund s Common Shares and Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class, and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Fund s outstanding Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class. For this purpose, a majority of the outstanding shares means, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), (a) 67% or more of the voting securities present at the Annual Meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities, whichever is less. For purposes of determining the approval of the elimination of the fundamental investment policies and the approval of the new fundamental investment policies, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as shares voted against the proposal.

Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares held in street name as to which voting instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote as of one business day before the Annual Meeting, or, if adjourned, one business day before the day to which the Annual Meeting is adjourned, and that would otherwise be treated as broker non-votes may, pursuant to Rule 452 of the New York Stock Exchange, be voted by the broker on the proposal in the same proportion as the votes cast by all holders of Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares as a class who have voted on the proposal or in the same proportion as the votes cast by all holders of Preferred Shares of the Fund who have voted on that item. Rule 452 permits proportionate voting of Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares with respect to a particular item if, among other things, (i) a minimum of 30% of the Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares or shares of a series of Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares outstanding has been voted by the holders of such shares with respect to such item and (ii) less than 10% of the Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares or shares of a series of Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares outstanding has been voted by the holders of such shares against such item. For the purpose of meeting the 30% test, abstentions will be treated as shares voted and, for the purpose of meeting the 10% test, abstentions will not be treated as shares voted against the item.

Those persons who were shareholders of record at the close of business on September 17, 2012 will be entitled to one vote for each share held and a proportionate fractional vote for each fractional share held. As of September 17, 2012, the shares of the Funds were issued and outstanding as follows:

Fund	Ticker Symbol*	Common Shares	Preferre	ed Shares
Floating Rate Income	JFR	N	N/A	
Floating Rate Income Opportunity	JRO	N	N/A	
Senior Income	NSL	N	N/A	
Short Duration Credit Opportunities	JSD	N	N/A	
California AMT-Free	NKX	S	Series 2	355
		S	Series 3	427
		S	Series 4	740
		S	Series 5	1.044

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Fund	Ticker Symbol*	Common Shares	Preferred Shares	
California Dividend Advantage	NAC		Series 1	1,362
California Dividend Advantage 2	NVX		NVX PrC	5,500,000
			NVX PrA	4,284,630
California Dividend Advantage 3	NZH		NZH PrC	8,625,000
			NZH PrA	2,700,000
			NZH PrB	4,629,500
California Investment Quality	NQC		Series 1	956
California Market Opportunity	NCO		Series 1	498
California Value	NCA		N/A	
California Value 2	NCB		N/A	
California Performance Plus	NCP		Series 1	810
California Premium Income	NCU		NCU PrC	3,525,000
California Quality Income	NUC		Series 1	1,581
California Select Quality	NVC		Series 1	1,589
Connecticut Premium Income	NTC		NTC PrC	1,830,000
			NTC PrD	1,778,000
			NTC PrE	2,047,000
			NTC PrF	1,695,000
			NTC PrG	3,200,000
Georgia Dividend Advantage 2	NKG		NKG PrC	3,226,500
			NKG PrD	2,834,000
			NKG PrE	1,434,000
Maryland Premium Income	NMY		NMY PrC	3,877,500
			NMY PrD	3,581,800
			NMY PrE	2,648,500