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**The Macerich Company**

May 17, 2018

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. local time at The Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90401.

The accompanying Notice and Proxy Statement contain details concerning the matters to be considered during our Annual Meeting. At our Annual Meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote on the following matters:

- (1) election of the ten director nominees named in our Proxy Statement;
- (2) ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm;
- (3) approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers as described in the accompanying Proxy Statement; and
- (4) the transaction of such other business as may properly come before our Annual Meeting and at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote your shares:

**FOR** the election of the ten director nominees named in our Proxy Statement;

**FOR** the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm; and

**FOR** the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers as described in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting and thank you for your continued support.

**Your vote is important.** Whether or not you plan to attend our Annual Meeting, we urge you to submit your Proxy to ensure your shares are represented and voted at our Annual Meeting. If you attend our Annual Meeting, you may continue to have your shares voted as instructed on your Proxy or you may withdraw your Proxy at the meeting and vote your shares in person.

Arthur M. Coppola  
*Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer*

Steven R. Hash

*Lead Independent Director and incoming Chairman of the Board*

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**THE MACERICH COMPANY**  
**401 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD**  
**SUITE 700**  
**SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90401**

**NOTICE OF THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**  
**TO BE HELD ON JUNE 21, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting ) of The Macerich Company, a Maryland corporation, will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. local time at The Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90401, to consider and vote upon:

- (1) the election of the ten director nominees named in the accompanying Proxy Statement, each to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies;
- (2) the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018;
- (3) the approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers as described in the accompanying Proxy Statement; and
- (4) the transaction of such other business as may properly come before our Annual Meeting and at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Action may be taken on the foregoing matters at our Annual Meeting on the date specified above, or on any date or dates to which our Annual Meeting may be postponed or adjourned. Only stockholders of record of our common stock at the close of business on March 23, 2018 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at our Annual Meeting and at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

**Your vote is important.** Whether or not you plan to attend our Annual Meeting, we urge you to submit your Proxy to ensure your shares are represented and voted at our Annual Meeting. If you attend our Annual Meeting, you may continue to have your shares voted as instructed on your Proxy or you may revoke your Proxy at our Annual Meeting

and vote your shares in person.

Record stockholders may authorize their Proxies:

By Internet: Go to the website address shown on your Proxy.

By Toll-Free Telephone: Call the toll-free number shown on your Proxy and follow the recorded instructions.

By Mail: Mark, sign, date and promptly return the enclosed Proxy in the postage-paid envelope.  
Beneficial stockholders: If your shares of common stock are held by a bank, broker or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from your bank, broker or other nominee to instruct how your shares of common stock are to be voted at our Annual Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ann C. Menard  
*Secretary*

Santa Monica, California  
May 17, 2018

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**Proxy Statement Summary**

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in our Proxy Statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and you should read the entire Proxy Statement carefully before voting or authorizing a proxy to vote your shares. Page references are supplied to help you find further information in our Proxy Statement.

***Our Annual Meeting***

**Time and Date:** 10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, June 21, 2018

**Place:** The Fairmont Miramar Hotel

101 Wilshire Boulevard

Santa Monica, California

**Record Date:** Close of business on March 23, 2018

**Voting:** Each share of our common stock entitles the holder thereof to one vote on each matter to be voted upon at our Annual Meeting.

You may vote or authorize a proxy to vote by any of the following methods:

Internet: Go to the website address shown on your Proxy until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, the day before the Annual Meeting.

Telephone: Call the toll-free number shown on your Proxy and follow the recorded instructions. The deadline for submitting your Proxy by telephone is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, the day before the Annual Meeting.

Mail: Mark, sign, date and return your Proxy in the postage-paid envelope promptly so that it is received prior to the Annual Meeting.

In Person: If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person by attending the Annual Meeting. If your shares are held in street name, you will need to obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee and present it at the Annual Meeting prior to voting in person.



**Table of Contents*****About Our Annual Meeting (page 1)***

We provide answers to many questions about our Annual Meeting, including how to vote your shares, in our Q&A section beginning on page 1 of our Proxy Statement.

***Proposals and Board Recommendations***

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Board Recommendation</b>	<b>Page Reference</b>
Proposal 1 Election of Ten Directors	For all nominees	5
Proposal 2 Ratification of the Appointment of KPMG LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Year Ending December 31, 2018	For	69
Proposal 3 Advisory Vote to Approve our Named Executive Officer Compensation	For	70

Transaction of any other business that properly comes before our Annual Meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof

***Our Business Highlights (page 29)*****Operational Achievements:**

Funds from operations (as defined in Appendix I) ( FFO ) per diluted share was \$3.83 in 2017

Same Center net operating income (as defined in Appendix I) ( NOI ) grew 2.73%

Mall tenant sales per square foot for the portfolio increased by 4.8% to \$660 for 2017

**Leasing Achievements:**

Occupancy levels continued to be stable, ending the year at 95.0%

Releasing spreads for 2017 were up 15.2% from 2016

Average rent per square foot increased to \$56.97, up 3.8% from 2016

**Development Achievements:**

\$250 million in-process pipeline in Philadelphia and New York

Kings Plaza Shopping Center: \$100 million redevelopment of the 250,000 square foot Sears building

**Sustainability Achievements:**

Macerich is focused on sustainability as a long-term, fully-integrated business approach, as demonstrated by the following achievements:

#1 ranking in the U.S. Retail Sector for sustainability performance for real estate portfolios around the world for the third straight year, according to scores published by Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)

Retail Leader in the Light Environmental Award for the fourth consecutive year from the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts

Recipient of U.S. BREEAM in-use building certification at 11 properties

**Table of Contents***Director Nominees (page 5)*

Name	Director		Occupation	Independent (Yes/No)		Committee Memberships	Other Public Company Boards
	Age	Since		Yes	No		
Peggy Alford	47	2018	Chief Financial Officer of Chan Zuckerberg Initiative	Yes		Audit	None
John H. Alschuler	70	2015	Chairman of HR&A Advisors, Inc.	Yes		Nominating and Corporate Governance	SL Green Realty Corporation and Xenia Hotels and Resorts, Inc.
Eric K. Brandt	55	Nominee	Retired Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Broadcom Corporation	Yes		(1)	Altaba Inc.; Dentsply Sirona Inc. and Lam Research Corporation
Edward C. Coppola	63	1994	President of our Company		No	None	None
Steven R. Hash	53	2015	President and Chief Operating Officer, Renaissance Macro Research, LLC	Yes		Audit (Chair); Compensation; Executive	Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.
Daniel J. Hirsch	44	Nominee	Consultant	Yes		(1)	Playa Hotels & Resorts N.V.
Diana M. Laing	63	2003	Chief Financial Officer, American Homes 4 Rent	Yes		Audit	None
Thomas E. O'Hern(2)	62	Nominee	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of our Company		No	None	Douglas Emmett, Inc.
Steven L. Soboroff	69	2014	Managing Partner, Soboroff Partners; and Vice President, Los	Yes		Audit; Compensation; Nominating and Corporate	None

			Angeles Police Commission		Governance	
Andrea M. Stephen	53	2013	Retired Executive Vice President, Investments, The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited	Yes	Compensation (Chair); Executive	First Capital Realty Inc.; Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust and Slate Real Estate Investment Trust

- (1) Our Board has not yet determined the committees to which Messrs. Brandt and Hirsch will be named if elected at our Annual Meeting; however, our Board intends to make changes to the composition of its Board committees effective as of the date of our Annual Meeting so that the membership of each Board committee will satisfy the requirements of each committee's written charter and applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE Rules ).
- (2) On April 26, 2018, we announced that Thomas E. O'Hern will be appointed Chief Executive Officer effective as of January 1, 2019, succeeding Arthur M. Coppola, who is retiring from his role as Chief Executive Officer effective as of December 31, 2018. Mr. A. Coppola also notified our Board that he would retire from his position as Chairman of the Board effective as of our Annual Meeting, see Board Leadership Structure on page 20 of this Proxy Statement.

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***Ratification of our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (page 69)***

We are asking our stockholders to consider and vote upon the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018.

***Say-on-Pay Vote (page 34)***

Following our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, our Compensation Committee, working with our independent compensation consulting firm, Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. ( FW Cook ), made changes to our executive compensation program in response to our stockholders' feedback. At our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, our Company's stockholders continued to express strong support for the changes, with the say-on-pay advisory vote being approved by approximately 89% of the votes cast, which was consistent with the high levels of approval previously expressed through a similar vote at our Company's 2016 annual meeting.

Please review our ***Compensation Discussion and Analysis*** beginning on page 28 and the accompanying executive compensation tables beginning on page 45 for additional details about our executive compensation program, including information about our named executive officers' 2017 compensation.

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***Executive Compensation Program Highlights (page 32)***

Our executive compensation program is designed to align our executive compensation with long-term stockholder interests as described in our ***Compensation Discussion and Analysis*** beginning on page 28.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**WHAT WE DO**

**Pay for Performance.** Executive compensation is heavily weighted toward at risk performance-based compensation.

**Performance-Based Equity.** 75% of our long-term incentive equity awards are in the form of performance-based LTIP Unit awards, which are subject to vesting based on our relative total stockholder return compared to all publicly-traded equity real estate investment trusts, or REITs. Starting with the 2016 equity awards, relative total stockholder return performance is measured over a three-year period.

**Double-Trigger Equity Vesting.** Effective with the 2016 equity grants, our equity awards are subject to double-trigger vesting acceleration in connection with a change in control.

**Robust Stock Ownership Guidelines.** Our Chief Executive Officer is required to own common stock or any class of our equity securities or units of our Operating Partnership with a value equal to 6x his base salary and our other named executive officers are required to own common stock or any class of our equity securities or units of our Operating Partnership with a value equal to 3x their respective base salaries.

**Holding Period.** Until the minimum required stock ownership level is achieved, our named executive officers must retain 50% of their net-after-tax profit shares from equity compensation awards.

**Clawback Policy.** We maintain a clawback policy to recapture cash and equity incentive payments to executive officers that were based on inaccurate financial results that are subsequently restated.

**Independent Compensation Consultant.** The Compensation Committee engages an independent compensation consulting firm that provides us with no other services.

**Annual Say-on-Pay.** We annually submit our executive compensation program for our named executive officers to say-on-pay advisory votes for stockholder consideration.

**WHAT WE DON'T DO**

- x **No Excessive Risk Taking.** Our compensation program does not encourage excessive risk taking by participants.
- x **No Tax Gross Up Provisions.** None of our agreements provide for tax gross-ups.
- x **No Repricing.** We do not permit repricing of underwater options or stock appreciation rights (SARs) or permit exchange of underwater options or SARs for other awards or cash, without prior stockholder approval.
- x **Anti-Hedging.** We do not allow hedging, monetization transactions, short sales or the purchase and sale of publicly traded options by any director, officer or employee.
- x **Anti-Pledging.** We do not allow our directors or executive officers to pledge securities unless they can otherwise meet our stock ownership requirements. None of our directors or officers currently pledges our securities.

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***Corporate Governance Highlights (page 14)***

Our Board of Directors is committed to strong corporate governance. Our governance framework is designed to promote the long-term interests of our stockholders and strengthen Board and management accountability.

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

**WHAT WE DO**

**No Poison Pill.** No Stockholder Rights Plan in effect.

**Annual Election of Directors.** Our Board consists of a single class of directors who stand for election each year.

**Majority Voting Standard for Directors with Director Resignation Policy.** Our Bylaws include a majority voting standard for the election of directors. Any incumbent director who fails to receive the required vote for re-election must offer to resign from our Board of Directors.

**Independent Board.** Currently eight of our ten directors are independent and all members serving on our Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees are independent.

**Proxy Access.** Our Bylaws include proxy access nominating provisions.

**Bylaw Access.** Our Bylaws include a framework for stockholder-proposed bylaw amendments.

**Executive Sessions of our Board.** An executive session of independent directors is held following each regularly-scheduled Board meeting.

**Lead Director (transitioning to Independent Chairman in 2018).** Our Lead Director (as described below) ensures strong, independent leadership and oversight of our Board of Directors by, among other things, presiding at executive sessions in connection with every regularly-scheduled Board meeting.

As of our Annual Meeting, we will have an Independent Chairman, further underscoring our commitment to independent leadership and oversight.

**Board Evaluations.** Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees annual evaluations of our Board and its committees, including separate committee self-evaluations.

**Regular Succession Planning.** A high priority is placed on regular and thoughtful succession planning for our senior management.

In April 2018, Arthur M. Coppola announced that he will retire from his position as Chief Executive Officer of our Company as of December 31, 2018. Our Board leveraged its thorough preparation in succession planning to identify Thomas E. O'Hern as the best candidate to replace Mr. A. Coppola in that role, effective as of January 1, 2019.

**Risk Oversight by Full Board and Committees.** A principal function of our Board is to oversee risk assessment and risk management related to our business. Oversight for specific areas of risk exposure is delegated to our Board committees.

**Code of Ethics.** A robust code of ethics is in place for our directors, officers and employees and a supplementary code of ethics is in place specifically for our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers.

**Sustainability.** We strive to conduct our business in a socially responsible manner that balances consideration of environmental and social issues with creating long-term value for our Company and our stockholders.

**No Over-boarding.** Our written governance policy limits director membership on other public company boards subject to discretion of our Board.

**Stockholder-requested Meetings.** Our Bylaws permit stockholders to request the calling of a special meeting.



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**Board Refreshment and Diversity.** We have a commitment to Board refreshment and diversity we have refreshed a majority of our Board since 2014 and in 2018 women represent thirty percent of our director nominees. When selecting nominees our Board focuses on increasing various aspects of our Board s diversity. In addition, if all of our director nominees are elected at our 2018 Annual Meeting, six of our directors will have joined since mid-2015.

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**THE MACERICH COMPANY**  
**401 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD**  
**SUITE 700**  
**SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90401**

**PROXY STATEMENT**  
**FOR 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**  
**TO BE HELD ON JUNE 21, 2018**

We are sending you this Proxy Statement in connection with the solicitation of Proxies by our Board of Directors for exercise at our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and at any postponement or adjournment thereof. We are first providing this Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy to our stockholders on or about May 18, 2018. Our 2017 Annual Report, including financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, is being provided to stockholders concurrently with this Proxy Statement. Our Annual Report, however, is not part of the proxy solicitation material. We sometimes refer to The Macerich Company as our Company, Macerich, we or us and to our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, including any postponement or adjournment thereof, as our Annual Meeting.

***Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to be Held on June 21, 2018.*** This Proxy Statement and our 2017 Annual Report are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**ABOUT OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

**When and where is our Annual Meeting?**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. local time at The Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90401.

**What is the purpose of our Annual Meeting?**

At our Annual Meeting, our stockholders will consider and vote on the following matters:

(1)

the election of ten directors, each to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies;

- (2) the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018; and
- (3) the approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers as described in this Proxy Statement.

In addition, our stockholders will transact any other business that properly comes before our Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof. Management will also respond to appropriate questions from our stockholders.

**Who is entitled to vote?**

Only holders of record of our Common Stock at the close of business on the record date, March 23, 2018, are entitled to notice of and to vote at our Annual Meeting. Holders of Common Stock are entitled to cast one vote for each share held by them on each matter to be voted upon. Our Common Stock is our only class of securities entitled to vote at our Annual Meeting. Under applicable law and our charter, a stockholder is not entitled to cumulative voting rights in the election of our directors.

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### **Who is entitled to attend our Annual Meeting?**

All of our stockholders of record as of the close of business on the record date, or their duly appointed Proxy holders, may attend our Annual Meeting. If you are not a stockholder of record but hold shares through a broker, bank or other nominee, you should provide proof of beneficial ownership as of the record date, such as an account statement reflecting your stock ownership as of the record date, a copy of the voting instruction card provided by your broker, bank or other nominee, or other similar evidence of ownership. If you do not have proof of ownership, you may not be admitted to our Annual Meeting. Each stockholder and Proxy holder may be asked to present a valid government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, before being admitted. Cameras, recording devices and other electronic devices will not be permitted, and attendees may be subject to security inspections and other security precautions.

### **What constitutes a quorum?**

The presence, in person or by Proxy, of holders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at our Annual Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at our Annual Meeting. As of the record date, 140,939,263 shares of Common Stock were outstanding and entitled to be voted by the holders thereof. Abstentions and broker non-votes will count toward the presence of a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker holding shares for a beneficial owner returns a properly executed Proxy but does not cast a vote with respect to a particular proposal because the broker does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that matter and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner.

### **How do I vote?**

*Voting in Person at our Annual Meeting.* If you are a stockholder of record as of the close of business on the record date and attend our Annual Meeting, you may vote in person. If your shares of Common Stock are held in street name and you wish to vote in person at our Annual Meeting, you will need to obtain and present prior to voting at our Annual Meeting a legal proxy from the broker, bank or other nominee through which your shares of Common Stock are held of record. Obtaining a legal proxy usually takes several days.

*Voting by Proxy for Shares Registered Directly in the Name of the Stockholder.* If you hold your shares of Common Stock in your own name as a holder of record with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you may instruct the Proxy holders how to vote your shares of Common Stock in one of the following ways:

*Authorize your Proxy by Internet.* You may authorize your Proxy over the Internet. The website for Internet authorization is provided in your Proxy enclosed with the Proxy materials you received. Internet authorization is available 24 hours per day until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, the day before our Annual Meeting. In order to authorize your Proxy, you will need to have the control number that appears on your Proxy.

*Authorize your Proxy by Telephone.* You may authorize your Proxy by telephone by calling the toll-free number listed on your Proxy. Telephone authorization is available 24 hours per day until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, the day before our Annual Meeting. When you call, please have your Proxy in hand, and you will receive a series of voice instructions which will allow you to instruct your Proxy how to vote your shares of Common Stock. To authorize your Proxy by telephone, you will also need your control number referred to above.

*Submit your Proxy by Mail.* You may submit your Proxy by mail by marking, signing and dating the Proxy enclosed with the Proxy materials you received and returning it promptly to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. in the postage-paid envelope provided.

*Voting by Proxy for Shares Held in Street Name.* If your shares of Common Stock are held in street name, you will receive instructions from your broker, bank or other nominee that you must follow in order to instruct how your shares of Common Stock are to be voted at our Annual Meeting.

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**What if I sign and return a Proxy by mail or authorize my Proxy by telephone or the Internet but do not specify how I wish to vote my shares?**

If you sign and return a Proxy or authorize your Proxy by telephone or the Internet but do not specify how your shares will be voted on one or more matters listed in the Notice of our Annual Meeting, the shares will be voted with respect to such matters as follows:

**FOR** the election of each of the ten nominees for director named in this Proxy Statement;

**FOR** the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018; and

**FOR** the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers.

The holders of the Proxy will also have authority to vote in their discretion on any other matter that may be properly brought before our Annual Meeting or that may be incidental to the conduct of the meeting.

**What does it mean if I receive more than one Proxy?**

If you own shares of our Common Stock in more than one account—for example, in a joint account with your spouse and in your individual brokerage account—you may have received more than one set of Proxy materials. To ensure that all of your shares are voted, please follow each of the separate Proxy voting instructions that you received for your shares of Common Stock held in each of your different accounts.

**Will other matters be voted on at our Annual Meeting?**

It is not anticipated that any matter, other than those set forth in this Proxy Statement, will be presented at our Annual Meeting. If other matters are properly presented, Proxies will be voted by the Proxy holders in their discretion. Stockholder votes will be tabulated by the person appointed to act as inspector of election for our Annual Meeting.

**May I change my vote or revoke my Proxy after I return my Proxy?**

If you are a stockholder of record as of the record date, you may change your vote or revoke your Proxy before it has been voted at our Annual Meeting by:

filing a written revocation with the Secretary of The Macerich Company, at 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401;

authorizing a new Proxy by Internet, telephone or mail after the time and date of the previously authorized Proxy in the manner provided above under "How do I vote?"; or

appearing in person and voting by ballot at our Annual Meeting.

Any stockholder of record as of the record date attending our Annual Meeting may vote in person whether or not a Proxy has been previously given, but the presence (without further action) of a stockholder at our Annual Meeting will

not constitute revocation of a previously given Proxy.

For shares of Common Stock you hold in street name, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your broker, bank or other nominee or, if you have obtained a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee giving you the right to vote your shares at our Annual Meeting, by appearing in person and voting at our Annual Meeting.

**What are our Board of Directors recommendations?**

Unless you give other instructions on your Proxy, the persons named as Proxy holders on the Proxy will vote a properly given Proxy in accordance with the recommendations of our Board of Directors. Our Board s

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recommendations, together with the description of each matter, are set forth in this Proxy Statement. In summary, our Board recommends that you vote your shares:

**FOR** the election of each of the ten director nominees named in this Proxy Statement;

**FOR** the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018; and

**FOR** the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers.

With respect to any other matter that properly comes before our Annual Meeting, the Proxy holders will vote on such matter in their discretion.

**What vote is required to approve each matter?**

Assuming the presence of a quorum, the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the votes cast on the matter at our Annual Meeting in person or by Proxy is required by our charter and/or Bylaws for the election of each director nominee, ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm and approval of the compensation of our named executive officers. For purposes of these proposals, abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted as votes cast and therefore will have no effect on the outcome of any of these proposals.

The proposal to approve the compensation of our named executive officers is advisory only and is not binding on our Company or our Board. Our Board values the opinion of our stockholders and our Board, or an appropriate committee of our Board, will consider the outcome of the vote on this proposal in considering what action, if any, should be taken in response to the advisory vote by stockholders.

The proposal to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm is considered a routine item under the NYSE Rules. Accordingly, if your shares are held in street name and you do not submit voting instructions to your broker, your broker may exercise its discretion to vote your shares on this proposal. If your broker exercises this discretion, your shares will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at our Annual Meeting and will be voted in the manner directed by your broker on the proposal to ratify KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, but your shares will constitute broker non-votes on each of the other proposals at our Annual Meeting.



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**PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

***Introduction: How Our Board Composition is Aligned with our Strategy***

We have a long-term, four-pronged business strategy that focuses on the acquisition, leasing and management, redevelopment and development of regional malls and shopping centers that fit specified criteria. We believe that our business requires specialized skills across a broad array of disciplines for effective and profitable operations. Our Board of Directors consists of a highly experienced group of business leaders who share our values, oversee and support our strategy and reflect our culture. Many of our directors have served as executive officers or on boards and board committees of major companies and have an extensive understanding of the principles of corporate governance. Our nominees have experience in the following fields that are relevant to our company, business, industry and strategies:

retail;

commercial real estate;

finance, capital markets and investments;

business operations;

transactions;

risk oversight and management; and

digital.

Under our Bylaws, our Board of Directors determines the number of our directors, provided that the number shall never be less than the minimum required by the Maryland General Corporation Law, which is one, nor more than twelve. Our Board of Directors currently consists of ten directors.

On January 31, 2018, Mr. John Sullivan informed our Board that he will not stand for re-election at our Annual Meeting and our Board has nominated Mr. Eric K. Brandt for election as a director at our Annual Meeting in order to fill the resulting vacancy.

On March 29, 2018, our Board of Directors appointed Mr. Peggy Alford as a director and determined that she would also be nominated for election by our stockholders at our Annual Meeting. Ms. Alford fills the seat previously held by Mr. Fred Hubbell, who resigned as a director on March 29, 2018 in order to focus his time and attention on his gubernatorial campaign.

On April 19, 2018, Mr. Arthur M. Coppola, our Chairman and CEO, informed our Board that he will retire from his position as Chairman of the Board effective as of our Annual Meeting and from his position as CEO effective December 31, 2018. On April 26, 2018, our Board nominated Mr. Thomas E. O'Hern, currently Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and our incoming CEO, to fill the seat previously held by Mr. A. Coppola.

Our Board has also nominated Mr. Daniel J. Hirsch for election as a director at our Annual Meeting in order to fill the resulting vacancy from Mr. Mason G. Ross' service as a director ending at the 2018 Annual Meeting as Mr. Ross will not be standing for re-election. Each of our continuing director nominees was previously elected to serve on our Board by our stockholders.

The present term of our continuing director nominees and the present term of incumbent directors Mr. A. Coppola, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Ross will expire at our Annual Meeting. Our director nominees, if elected at our Annual Meeting, will serve until our annual meeting of stockholders in 2019 and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualify. Each of our director nominees has consented to be nominated and to serve if elected. However, if any nominee becomes unable or unwilling for good cause to serve as a director if elected, the Proxy holders may vote for another person nominated by our Board of Directors.

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Our Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, has nominated the following individuals to serve as directors of our Company:

**Peggy Alford**  
**John H. Alschuler**  
**Eric K. Brandt**  
**Edward C. Coppola**  
**Steven R. Hash**

**Daniel J. Hirsch**  
**Diana M. Laing**  
**Thomas E. O'Hern**  
**Steven L. Soboroff**  
**Andrea M. Stephen**

Our Board of Directors will consider a nominee for election to our Board recommended by a stockholder of record if the stockholder submits a written notice regarding such recommendation to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee c/o our Secretary in the manner described under the heading "Our Board of Directors and its Committees - Director Selection Process."

Our charter and Bylaws provide that our directors are required to be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the votes cast on the matter in person or by Proxy at our Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present. Our Guidelines on Corporate Governance further provide that any incumbent director who fails to receive the required vote for re-election shall offer to resign from our Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will make a recommendation to our Board on whether to accept or reject the offer to resign. Our Board will then act on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's recommendation and publicly disclose its decision within 90 days after the date of the certification of the election results. If the offer to resign is not accepted, the director will continue to serve until the next annual meeting and until the director's successor is elected and qualified. If the offer to resign is accepted, then our Board, in its sole discretion, may fill any resulting vacancy or may decrease the size of our Board pursuant to our charter and Bylaws. The director whose offer to resign is under consideration will not participate in our Board's decision regarding whether to accept or reject such director's offer to resign.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF OUR DIRECTOR NOMINEES. PROXIES RECEIVED WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH OF OUR DIRECTOR NOMINEES UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY OTHERWISE IN THE PROXY.**

**Information Regarding Director Nominees*****Director Stock Ownership***

The following table sets forth certain stock ownership information with respect to our director nominees based on information furnished by each director. The following information is as of the record date, March 23, 2018, unless otherwise specified.

Name	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock and OP Units(1)		Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of OP Units(1)(3)	
		Percent of Common Stock(2)		Percent of Common Stock(2)
<b>Peggy Alford</b>	(4)	*		*

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<b>John H. Alschuler</b>	(5)	*		*
<b>Eric K. Brandt</b>	(6)	*		*
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	1,944,679(7)(8)	1.36%	1,633,272(9)	1.15%
<b>Steven R. Hash</b>	1,888(10)	*		*
<b>Daniel J. Hirsch</b>	(6)	*		*
<b>Diana M. Laing</b>	12,479(11)	*		*
<b>Thomas E. O'Hern</b>	270,736(12)	*	214,319(13)	*
<b>Steven L. Soboroff</b>	22(14)	*		*
<b>Andrea M. Stephen</b>	8,348(15)	*		*

\* The percentage of shares beneficially owned by this director does not exceed one percent of our outstanding shares of Common Stock.

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- (1) Except as provided under applicable state marital property laws or as otherwise noted, each individual in the table above has sole voting and investment power over the shares of Common Stock and/or OP Units (as defined in Note 3 below) listed.
- (2) Assumes that all OP Units and LTIP Units (as defined in Note 3) held by the person are redeemed for shares of Common Stock (assuming, in the case of any LTIP Units, they have first been converted into OP Units) and that none of our OP Units or LTIP Units held by other persons are redeemed for or converted into shares of Common Stock.
- (3) Our Company is the sole general partner of, and owns an aggregate of approximately 93% of the ownership interests referred to as OP Units in, The Macerich Partnership, L.P. or our Operating Partnership. Our Operating Partnership holds directly or indirectly substantially all of our interests in our regional shopping centers and our community/power shopping centers (the Centers). Our Company conducts all of its business through our Operating Partnership, the property partnerships, corporations and limited liability companies that own title to our Centers and various management companies. In connection with our formation as well as subsequent acquisitions of certain Centers, OP Units were issued to certain persons in connection with the transfer of their interests in such Centers. The OP Units are redeemable at the election of the holder and our Company may redeem them for cash or shares of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis (subject to anti-dilution provisions), at our Company's election.

Our Long Term Incentive Plan or LTIP allows for the issuance of limited partnership units in the form of a class of units of our Operating Partnership referred to as LTIP Units, as more fully described on pages 51-52 of this Proxy Statement. LTIP Units may be performance-based, service-based or fully-vested. Upon the occurrence of specified events, any vested LTIP Units can over time achieve full parity with the common OP Units of our Operating Partnership at which time LTIP Units are convertible, subject to the satisfaction of applicable vesting conditions, on a one-for-one basis into common OP Units.

- (4) Ms. Alford joined our Board on March 29, 2018 and received 2,066 stock units that will vest after May 22, 2018 under our Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan as currently in effect ( 2003 Incentive Plan ) and has 1,005 phantom stock units credited under the terms of our Eligible Directors' Deferred Compensation/Phantom Stock Plan referred to as our Director Phantom Stock Plan, the vesting and terms of which are described under Compensation of Non-Employee Directors below. Stock units, including the stock units issued under our Director Phantom Stock Plan, are payable solely in shares of Common Stock, do not represent outstanding shares, do not have voting rights and are non-transferrable.
- (5) Mr. Alschuler has 3,765 vested stock units, 307 stock units credited as dividend equivalents and 2,117 stock units that will vest after May 22, 2018 under our 2003 Incentive Plan and 4,172 phantom stock units credited under our Director Phantom Stock Plan.
- (6) Mr. Brandt and Mr. Hirsch are new director nominees.

- (7) Includes 5,993 shares of Common Stock held for Mr. E. Coppola under our 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes 39,969 shares held by a family limited partnership of which Mr. E. Coppola has sole beneficial ownership, 155,952 OP Units held in a family trust of which Mr. E. Coppola has shared beneficial ownership and 1,800 shares held by Mr. E. Coppola as custodian for his children.
- (8) Includes 64,978 vested LTIP Units and 25,890 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. E. Coppola has 168,875 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (9) Includes 155,952 OP Units held in a family trust of which Mr. E. Coppola has shared beneficial ownership, 64,978 vested LTIP Units and 25,890 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. E. Coppola has 168,875 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (10) In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. Hash has 1,877 vested stock units, 94 stock units credited as dividend equivalents and 2,117 stock units that will vest after May 22, 2018 under our 2003 Incentive Plan.

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- (11) In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Ms. Laing has 6,358 vested stock units, 868 stock units credited as dividend equivalents and 2,117 stock units that will vest after May 22, 2018 under our 2003 Incentive Plan and 34,661 phantom stock units credited under the terms of our Director Phantom Stock Plan.
- (12) Includes 4,814 shares of Common Stock held for Mr. O Hern under our 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes 2,982 shares held by Mr. O Hern as custodian for his children, 2,441 shares Mr. O Hern holds jointly with two of his sons, 36,971 vested LTIP Units and 14,384 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. O Hern has 93,819 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (13) Includes 36,971 vested LTIP Units and 14,384 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. O Hern has 93,819 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (14) In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. Soboroff has 6,836 vested stock units, 983 stock units credited as dividend equivalents and 2,117 stock units that will vest after May 22, 2018 under our 2003 Incentive Plan.
- (15) In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Ms. Stephen has 1,877 vested stock units, 94 stock units credited as dividend equivalents and 2,117 stock units that will vest after May 22, 2018 under our 2003 Incentive Plan and 10,151 phantom stock units credited under the terms of our Director Phantom Stock Plan.

**Director Biographical Information**

The following provides certain biographical information with respect to our nominees for director as well as the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led our Board to conclude that each director should serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

**Summary of Board Experience**

<i>38% of independent directors and 30% of our Board are women</i>	<i>3.75 years average tenure for independent directors on our Board's slate</i>	<i>100% of independent directors financially literate</i>
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<b>Peggy Alford</b>	<b>John Alschuler</b>	<b>Eric Brandt</b>	<b>Edward Coppola</b>	<b>Steven Hash</b>	<b>Daniel Hirsch</b>	<b>Diana Laing</b>	<b>Thomas O'Hern</b>	<b>Steven Soboroff</b>	<b>Andrea Stephen</b>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Chief Executive Officer/President/Founder										
Chief Financial Officer	X		X				X	X		
Retail and/or Commercial Real Estate		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Financial Literacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finance/Capital Markets/ Investment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Business Operations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Risk Oversight/Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
International	X	X	X		X					X
Transactional Experience	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Digital Expertise	X		X							
New Since 2012	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X



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**Peggy Alford**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** 2018

**Age:** 47

**Board Committees:** Audit

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Ms. Alford is the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Operations for the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, a philanthropic organization that brings together world-class engineering, grant-making, impact investing, policy and advocacy work, overseeing finance, real estate, facilities and general operations. Prior to joining the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative in September 2017, Ms. Alford held a variety of senior positions at PayPal from May 2011 to August 2017, including Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Americas, Global Customer and Global Credit, where she was responsible for all finance and analytics for PayPal's Global Merchant and Global Consumer Business Units, its Global Credit business, and its North America and Latin America regions. She also served as PayPal's Senior Vice President of Human Resources, People Operations and Global Head of Cross Border Trade. From 2007 to 2011, Ms. Alford was President and General Manager of Rent.com (an eBay Inc. company), also serving as its Chief Financial Officer from October 2005 to March 2009. From 2002 to 2005 she served as Marketplace Controller and Director of Accounting Policy, leading accounting policy at eBay Inc. where she was instrumental in creating eBay marketplace controller's group ensuring the financial integrity of eBay transactions. Ms. Alford started her career at Arthur Andersen LLP in 1993 as an auditor and business consultant in such industries as technology, consumer products, manufacturing, government and education. Ms. Alford earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration from the University of Dayton and is a certified public accountant.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

As a new Board member, Ms. Alford's wide-ranging financial and operational experience, digital, technology and omnichannel knowledge and significant experience leading complex businesses are invaluable to our Board. Her fresh perspectives and contributions to our Company are also informed by Ms. Alford's strong digital expertise and track record of driving growth and innovation through data analytics, areas which have become increasingly critical drivers of our business. In addition to her strong managerial and operational background, Ms. Alford brings deep financial expertise to our Board, based on which she serves on our Audit Committee and has been determined by our Board to be an audit committee financial expert.

**John H. Alschuler**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** 2015

**Age:** 70

**Board Committees:** Nominating and Corporate Governance

**Other Public Company Boards:** SL Green Realty Corporation; Xenia Hotels and Resorts, Inc.

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Since 2008, Mr. Alschuler has been the Chairman of HR&A Advisors Inc., an economic development, real estate and public policy consulting organization. Mr. Alschuler also is an Adjunct Associate Professor at Columbia University, where he teaches real estate development at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation. Mr. Alschuler currently serves on the board of directors of SL Green Realty Corporation and Xenia Hotels and Resorts, Inc., both of which are publicly traded REITs. Mr. Alschuler also serves on the board of directors of the Center for an Urban Future, a Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, and Friends of the High Line Inc., a Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

Mr. Alschuler's achievements in academia and business, as well as his extensive knowledge of commercial real estate and national and international markets for real estate, and his expertise in inter-governmental relations, allow him to assess the real estate market and our Company's business from a

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knowledgeable and informed perspective. His experience on boards of other public and private companies further enhances his range of knowledge.

**Eric K. Brandt**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** New Nominee

**Age:** 55

**Other Public Company Boards:** Altaba, Inc.; Dentsply Sirona Inc.; Lam Research Corporation

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Mr. Brandt served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Broadcom Corporation, a global supplier of semiconductor devices, from February 2010 to February 2016, and served as Broadcom's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from March 2007 to February 2010. From September 2005 until March 2007, Mr. Brandt served as President, Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors of Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Beginning in 1999, he held various positions at Allergan, Inc., a global specialty pharmaceutical company, including Executive Vice President of Finance and Technical Operations and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining Allergan, Mr. Brandt spent ten years with The Boston Consulting Group, a privately held global business consulting firm. In January 2017 Mr. Brandt was elected chairman of the board of Altaba Inc. (formerly Yahoo Inc.) after serving as a member of the board since March 2016 and serves as chair of its audit and nominating and corporate governance committees and a member of its compensation committee. Mr. Brandt is also chairman of the board and a member of the nominating and corporate governance committee of Dentsply Sirona Inc., a dental products company. He is also a member of the board of directors of Lam Research Corporation, a wafer fabrication equipment company, serving as its audit committee chair. Mr. Brandt currently serves as a member of the Georgia Tech President's Advisory Board.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

Mr. Brandt's experience as a chief executive and chief financial officer across the financial services, technology and healthcare industries gives him a broad understanding of the operational, financial and strategic matters facing our Company. In these roles, Mr. Brandt gained extensive expertise in leadership, management, financing and business strategies which as a new Board member, will allow him to provide a valuable perspective on our Company's opportunities and operations.

**Edward C. Coppola**

Director Nominee

**Director Since:** 1994

**Age:** 63

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Mr. E. Coppola was elected our President in September 2008. In partnership with our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. E. Coppola oversees the strategic direction of our Company. He has broad oversight over our Company's financial and investment strategies, including our Company's key lender and investor relationships. He also oversees our acquisitions and dispositions, department store relationships and development/redevelopment projects. Mr. E. Coppola was previously an Executive Vice President from our formation through September 2004 and was our Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer from October 2004 until his election as President. He has over 40 years of shopping center experience with The Macerich Group and our Company and is one of our founders. From March 16, 2006 to February 2, 2009, Mr. E. Coppola was a member of the board of directors of Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc., a publicly traded REIT which owns and manages high end hotels and resorts. Mr. E. Coppola is also an attorney.

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**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

Mr. E. Coppola has deep relationships and experience in our industry and in the retail and shopping center landscape. As President, Mr. E. Coppola provides our Board with important information about the overall conduct of our Company's business and valuable knowledge and perspective regarding our operations, plans and direction. Our Board appreciates his long history and experience in the shopping center industry as well as his expertise with respect to strategic and investment planning, finance, capital markets, acquisition, disposition and development matters.

**Steven R. Hash**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** 2015

**Age:** 53

**Board Committees:** Audit (Chair); Compensation; Executive

**Other Public Company Boards:** Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Mr. Hash is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Renaissance Macro Research, LLC, an equity research and trading firm focused on macro research in the investment strategy, economics and Washington policy sectors, which he co-founded in 2012. Mr. Hash is a member of the board of directors of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., a publicly traded REIT, where he serves as the lead independent director, chair of the compensation committee and is a member of the audit committee. Mr. Hash is also a member of the board of directors of Nureen Global Cities REIT, Inc., a non-traded REIT and serves as the lead independent director and a member of the audit committee. Between 1993 and 2012, Mr. Hash held various leadership positions with Lehman Brothers (and its successor, Barclays Capital), including Global Head of Real Estate Investment Banking from 2006 to 2012, Chief Operating Officer of Global Investment Banking from 2008 to 2011, Director of Global Equity Research from 2003 to 2006, Director of U.S. Equity Research from 1999 to 2003, and Senior Equity Research Analyst from 1993 to 1999 covering the Real Estate Investment Trusts sector. From 1990 to 1993, Mr. Hash held various positions with Oppenheimer & Company's Equity Research Department, including senior research analyst. He began his career in 1988 as an auditor for the accounting and consulting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

Mr. Hash brings to our Board extensive knowledge of real estate investment strategy and economic trends through years of real estate industry research and investment banking both domestically and internationally. In addition to important insights into the equity and capital markets and investor perspectives, he has valuable experience in accounting and financial reporting based upon his years as an auditor and senior equity research analyst. He also has important corporate governance and board leadership expertise through his positions at other publicly traded companies and at our Company. He also has experience in human capital management and talent development matters. Mr. Hash serves as Chairperson of our Audit Committee and has been determined by our Board to be an audit committee financial expert. In August 2017, Mr. Hash was chosen by our independent directors to serve as our Lead Director and, in April 2018, was appointed to serve as our Independent Chairman of the Board effective as of our Annual Meeting, when our Board separates the Chairman and CEO positions.

**Daniel J. Hirsch**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** New Nominee

**Age:** 44

**Other Public Company Boards:** Playa Hotels & Resorts N.V.

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Mr. Hirsch is a consultant to Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C. ( FCM ), an investment firm that manages capital on behalf of institutions and individuals, where he has served as a board designee with

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respect to FCM's investment in Playa Hotels & Resorts N.V. ( Playa ), since January 2017. Previously, from 2003 to December 2016, Mr. Hirsch held several senior positions at FCM, including Managing Member of the Real Estate Group from 2009 to December 2016, Managing Director from 2007 to 2008 and Legal Counsel from 2003 to 2006. Prior to joining FCM, Mr. Hirsch worked as an associate in the San Francisco office of the law firm Covington & Burling, from 2001 to 2003. He has served as a director of Playa since 2010 and is currently the chair of the Compensation Committee and a member of the Nominating and Governance Committee. Mr. Hirsch graduated from Yale Law School with a J.D., and summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought from Amherst College.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

Our Board believes that Mr. Hirsch's knowledge of the capital markets, real estate sector, and investment experience will make him a valuable member of our Board. In addition, Mr. Hirsch's substantive public company board experience as a member of Playa's board, in particular as chair of the Compensation Committee, will add value to our Board.

**Diana M. Laing**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** 2003

**Age:** 63

**Board Committees:** Audit

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Ms. Laing is the Chief Financial Officer of American Homes 4 Rent, a publicly traded REIT focused on the acquisition, renovation, leasing and operation of single-family homes as rental properties and has served in such capacity since May 2014. From May 2004 until its merger with Parkway Properties of Orlando, Florida in December 2013, Ms. Laing was the Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of Thomas Properties Group, Inc., a publicly traded real estate operating company and institutional investment manager focused on the development, acquisition, operation and ownership of commercial properties throughout the United States. She was responsible for financial reporting, capital markets transactions and investor relations. Ms. Laing served as Chief Financial Officer of each of Triple Net Properties, LLC from January through April 2004, New Pacific Realty Corporation from December 2001 to December 2003, and Firstsource Corp. from July 2000 to May 2001. From August 1996 to July 2000, Ms. Laing was Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Arden Realty, Inc., a publicly traded REIT which was the largest owner and operator of commercial office properties in Southern California. From 1982 to August 1996, she served in various capacities, including Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Southwest Property Trust, Inc., a publicly traded multi-family REIT which owned multi-family properties throughout the southwestern United States. Ms. Laing began her career as an auditor with Arthur Andersen & Co. She serves on the advisory boards to the Dean of the Spears School of Business and the Chairman of the School of Accounting at Oklahoma State University and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma State University Foundation.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

Our Board believes Ms. Laing's over 35 years of real estate industry experience, with her particular expertise in finance, capital markets, strategic planning, budgeting and financial reporting, make her a valuable member of our Board. This financial and real estate experience is supplemented by her substantive public company and REIT experience which enhances her understanding of the issues facing our Company and industry. Based on her financial expertise, Ms. Laing serves on our Audit Committee and has been determined by our Board to be an audit committee financial expert.



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**Thomas E. O Hern**

Director Nominee

**Director Since:** New Nominee

**Age:** 62

**Other Public Company Boards:** Douglas Emmett, Inc.

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

On April 26, 2018, our Company announced that Mr. O Hern will be appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer, effective as of January 1, 2019. Mr. O Hern became one of our Senior Executive Vice Presidents in September 2008 and has been our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since July 1994. Mr. O Hern was an Executive Vice President from December 1998 through September 2008 and served as a Senior Vice President from March 1993 to December 1998. From our formation to July 1994, he served as Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer and Secretary. From November 1984 to March 1993, Mr. O Hern was a Chief Financial Officer at various real estate development companies. He was also a certified public accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. and he was with that firm from 1978 through 1984. Mr. O Hern is a member of the board of directors, the audit committee chairman and a member of the nominating and corporate governance committee of Douglas Emmett, Inc., a publicly traded REIT. Mr. O Hern also serves on The USC Marshall School of Business Board of Leaders.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

As our long-time chief financial officer and incoming CEO, our Board values Mr. O Hern's many years of leadership, senior executive expertise and strategic direction. Mr. O Hern's knowledge of our Company and the REIT industry, expertise in both debt and equity in the capital markets, the financial and operational elements of our Company's business, as well as his extensive relationships with key stakeholders, will continue to provide our Board with critical information to oversee and direct the management of our Company. In addition, his many years of experience on the board of Douglas Emmett and his role as audit committee chairman will serve him well on our Board.

**Steven L. Soboroff**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** 2014

**Age:** 69

**Board Committees:** Audit; Compensation; Nominating and Corporate Governance

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Steve Soboroff is the managing partner of Soboroff Partners, a shopping center development and leasing company, and has served in such capacity since 1978. In September 2017, Mr. Soboroff was selected to serve a second two-year term as President of the Los Angeles Police Commission. In August 2013, Mr. Soboroff was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and was chosen as the Commission's President by his

fellow commissioners. After serving the maximum of two consecutive years as President, he then served as the Commission's Vice President from September 2015 to September 2017. During 2001 to 2010, he served in the roles of Chairman and CEO as well as President of Playa Vista, one of the country's most significant multi-use real estate projects. Mr. Soboroff also was President of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission from 1995 to 2001 and a member of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission. In addition, Mr. Soboroff is a board member of several non-profit philanthropic and academic organizations.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

Mr. Soboroff is a well-recognized business and government leader with a distinguished record of public and private accomplishments. Mr. Soboroff contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications of our Board through both his real estate and government experience and leadership. During his career in both the public and private sectors, Mr. Soboroff acquired significant financial, real estate, managerial, and public policy knowledge as well as substantial business and government relationships. Our Board values his extensive real estate knowledge and insight into retail operations, developments and strategy, and his wealth of government relations experience.

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**Andrea M. Stephen**

Independent Director Nominee

**Director Since:** 2013

**Age:** 53

**Board Committees:** Compensation (Chair); Executive

**Other Public Company Boards:** First Capital Realty, Inc.; Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust; Slate Retail Real Estate Investment Trust

**Principal Occupation and Business Experience:**

Ms. Stephen served as Executive Vice President, Investments for The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited ( Cadillac Fairview ), one of North America's largest real estate companies, from October 2002 to December 2011 and as Senior Vice President, Investments for Cadillac Fairview from May 2000 to October 2002, where she was responsible for developing and executing Cadillac Fairview's investment strategy. Prior to joining Cadillac Fairview, Ms. Stephen held the position of Director, Real Estate with the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, the largest single profession pension plan in Canada, from December 1999 to May 2000, as well as various portfolio manager positions from September 1995 to December 1999. Previously, Ms. Stephen served as Director, Financial Reporting for Bramalea Centres Inc. for approximately two years and as an Audit Manager for KPMG LLP at the end of her over six year tenure. Ms. Stephen is a member of the board of directors of First Capital Realty Inc., Canada's leading owner, developer and operator of supermarket and drugstore anchored neighborhood and community shopping centers, serving on the audit committee, compensation committee, governance committee and the executive committee. She is also a member of the board of trustees, serving on the audit committee, of Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust, Canada's leading owner and operator of multifamily communities. In June 2017, Ms. Stephen was elected to the board of trustees of Slate Retail Real Estate Investment Trust and serves on its audit, compensation and investment committees. Ms. Stephen also previously served on the board of directors of Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliários, S.A., a Brazilian real estate operating company, from June 2006 to March 2012.

**Key Qualifications, Experience and Attributes:**

With over 25 years in the real estate industry and extensive transactional and management experience, Ms. Stephen has a broad understanding of the operational, financial and strategic issues facing real estate companies. She brings management expertise, leadership capabilities, financial knowledge and business acumen to our Board. Her significant international investment experience also provides a global perspective as well as international relationships. In addition, her service on various boards provides valuable insight and makes her an important contributor to our Board.

**Corporate Governance**

*The Board of Directors and its Committees*

*Board of Directors*

Eight of our current directors, and eight of our director nominees, are independent under the NYSE Rules.

All of the members of our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are independent.

If all of our director nominees are elected at our Annual Meeting, five of our directors will have joined since 2015 and seven directors will have retired from our Board during the 2015-2018 period.

Our Company is managed under the direction of a Board of Directors, which is currently composed of ten members. Our Board of Directors met five times in 2017. Each of our directors attended 100% of the meetings of our Board and of each committee on which he or she served during 2017. On January 31, 2018, Mr. John

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Sullivan informed our Board that he will not stand for re-election at our Annual Meeting. Mr. Fred Hubbell resigned from our Board on March 29, 2018 and Ms. Peggy Alford was appointed as a director by our Board of Directors on March 29, 2018. On April 19, 2018, Mr. Arthur Coppola informed our Board that he would not stand for re-election at our Annual Meeting. Our Board has nominated Mr. Eric Brandt to fill Mr. Sullivan's seat and, in conjunction with appointing Mr. Thomas O'Hern as Chief Executive Officer, effective as of January 1, 2019, has nominated Mr. O'Hern to fill the seat being vacated by Mr. A. Coppola. Our Board has nominated Mr. Daniel J. Hirsch for election as a director at our Annual Meeting in order to fill the resulting vacancy from Mason G. Ross not standing for re-election at our Annual Meeting.

**Director Independence.** For a director to be considered independent, our Board must determine that the director does not have any material relationship with our Company (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with our Company). Our Board has established Director Independence Standards to assist it in determining director independence. The Director Independence Standards establish exclusionary standards that conform to the independence requirements of the NYSE Rules and categorical standards that identify permissible immaterial relationships between our directors and our Company. These Director Independence Standards are included in our Guidelines on Corporate Governance which are available at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under Investors Corporate Governance. Our Board has determined that the following eight non-employee director nominees do not have any material relationship with our Company (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with our Company) and each is an independent director under our Director Independence Standards: Messrs. Alschuler, Brandt, Hash, Hirsch and Soboroff and Meses. Alford, Laing and Stephen. Our Board also previously determined that Mr. Fred Hubbell, who resigned from our Board in March 2018, was an independent director under the NYSE Rules and our Director Independence Standards during his service on our Board; and that Mr. John Sullivan and Mr. Mason Ross, who informed our Board that they will not stand for re-election at our Annual Meeting, are independent directors under the NYSE Rules and our Director Independence Standards. Messrs. E. Coppola and O'Hern are not independent directors because they are current executive-level employees of our Company.

***Board Committee Memberships***

During 2017, our Board had standing Audit, Compensation, Nominating and Corporate Governance and Executive Committees. The members of our committees during 2017, the principal functions of each committee and the number of meetings held in 2017 are shown below. Our Board has not yet determined the committees of our Board to which Messrs. Brandt and Hirsch will be named if elected at our Annual Meeting. However, our Board intends to make changes to the composition of its Board committees effective as of the date of our Annual Meeting so that the membership of each Board committee will satisfy the requirements of each committee's written charter and applicable NYSE Rules. All members attended each meeting of their respective committees on which he or she served during 2017. Upon her appointment to our Board of Directors on March 29, 2018, Ms. Alford was also appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.

<b>Name of Committee and</b>		<b>Number of</b>
<b>Current Members</b>	<b>Committee Functions</b>	<b>Meetings</b>
Audit:  Steven R. Hash, Chair*	appoints, evaluates, approves the compensation of, and, where appropriate, replaces our independent registered public accountants	8

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Peggy Alford\*

reviews our financial statements with management and our independent registered public accountants

Diana M. Laing\*

reviews and approves with our independent registered public accountants the scope and results of the audit engagement

Steven L. Soboroff

pre-approves audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accountants

\* Audit Committee Financial

Expert

reviews the independence and qualifications of our independent registered public accountants

reviews the adequacy of our internal accounting controls and legal and regulatory compliance

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Name of Committee and	Number of
Current Members	Meetings
Compensation: Andrea M. Stephen, Chair	5
Steven R. Hash	
Steven L. Soboroff	
Nominating and Corporate Governance:	3
Mason G. Ross, Chair	
John H. Alschuler	
Steven L. Soboroff	
Executive:	0
Arthur M. Coppola, Chair	
Steven R. Hash*	
Andrea M. Stephen	

\* Lead Director (and  
incoming Independent  
Chairman)

**Committee Charters.** The charters for the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Executive Committee are available at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under Investors Corporate Governance.

**Bylaw Amendments.** The power to amend our Bylaws had been vested exclusively with our Board, as permitted by Maryland law, with our Board having the ability to consider stockholder proposals regarding changes to our Bylaws. Our Board conducted a review considering the goals, nature and likely consequences of providing stockholders with the ability to directly amend our Bylaws, along with the views of significant long-term stockholders. After considering the merits and potential negative consequences of such a change, our Board determined it was in the best interest of our Company and its stockholders to provide stockholders, who hold at least one percent of our Company's outstanding shares, individually or in a group of up to 20 stockholders total, continuously for at least one year, with the ability to propose direct amendments of our Bylaws to the extent provided in our amended Bylaws.



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The Audit Committee administers our written Related Party Transaction Policies and Procedures. These policies are designed to assist with the proper identification, review and disclosure of related party transactions and apply generally to any transaction, arrangement or relationship, or series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, in which our Company or an affiliate is a participant, the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and a related party has a direct or indirect material interest. A related party generally includes any person who is, or was in the last fiscal year, a director, director nominee, executive officer, stockholder of more than 5% of our Common Stock, an immediate family member of any of the foregoing, or an entity in which one of the foregoing serves as an executive officer, general partner, principal or has a 10% or greater beneficial interest to the extent such information is provided to our Company or is otherwise publicly available. Under the policies and procedures, transactions that fall within this definition will be reported to our Chief Legal Officer or Chief Financial Officer and referred to the Audit Committee for approval, ratification or other action. In determining whether to approve or ratify a transaction, the Audit Committee will consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances, including the related party's interest, the amount involved in the transaction, and whether the transaction has terms no less favorable than those generally available from an unrelated third party. The Audit Committee will approve or ratify such transaction if it determines, in good faith, that under all of the circumstances the transaction is fair to our Company. In addition, any related party transaction previously approved by the Audit Committee or otherwise already existing that is ongoing in nature will be reviewed by the Audit Committee annually to ensure that such transaction has been conducted in accordance with the previous approval granted by the Audit Committee, if any, and remains appropriate.

***Risk Oversight***

One of the principal functions of our Board of Directors is to provide oversight concerning our Company's assessment and management of risk related to our business. Our Board of Directors is involved in risk oversight through direct decision-making authority with respect to fundamental financial and business strategies and major corporate activities, as well as through its oversight of management and the committees of our Board. Management is responsible for identifying the material risks facing our Company, implementing appropriate risk management strategies and ensuring that information with respect to material risks is shared with our Board and/or the appropriate Board committee. In connection with this responsibility, members of management provide regular reports to our Board regarding business operations and strategic planning, financial planning and budgeting, and material litigation and regulations, including any material risk to our Company relating to such matters. Our Board of Directors believes that the processes it has established to administer our Board's risk oversight function would be effective under a variety of leadership frameworks and therefore these processes do not have any material effect on our Company's leadership structure described under the heading "Board Leadership Structure" below.

Our Board has delegated oversight for specific areas of risk exposure to our Board committees as follows:

***Audit Committee.*** As required by the NYSE Rules, the Audit Committee is responsible for periodically discussing our Company's overall risk assessment and risk management policies with management, our Company's internal auditors and our independent registered public accounting firm as well as our Company's plans to monitor, control and minimize such risk and exposure. The Audit Committee is also responsible for primary risk oversight related to our financial reporting, accounting and internal controls and oversees risk related to our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

***Compensation Committee.*** The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing our Company's assessment and management of risk related to our Company's compensation plans, policies and overall philosophy as more fully described below under "Compensation Risk Assessment."

***Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.*** The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees the policies and procedures related to management succession, including both emergency CEO succession and CEO succession in the ordinary course of business.

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At each regular meeting of our Board of Directors, the chairperson of each committee reports to the full Board regarding the matters reported and discussed at any committee meetings, including any risk exposure and risk management policies with respect to such matters. Our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Legal Officer and/or Chief Financial Officer regularly attend meetings of our committees when they are not in executive session. In addition, our directors are free to communicate directly with members of management and our committee charters provide that our committee members may retain outside advisors at our Company's expense.

***Compensation Risk Assessment.*** We believe that our compensation programs do not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking that could have a material adverse effect on our Company. The Compensation Committee considers, in establishing and reviewing our executive compensation program, whether the program encourages unnecessary or excessive risk taking and has concluded that it does not. Base salaries are fixed in amount and thus do not encourage risk taking. While our annual incentive compensation program focuses on short-term or annual performance, our executives' annual bonuses are determined based on the Compensation Committee's consideration of a variety of corporate and individual performance factors as described below under Compensation Discussion and Analysis. Therefore, the Compensation Committee believes that the annual bonus program appropriately balances risk and the desire to focus executives on short-term goals important to our success and that it does not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking.

A significant portion of the compensation provided to our named executive officers is in the form of equity awards that further align executives' interests with those of our stockholders. The Compensation Committee believes that these awards do not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking since the ultimate value of the awards is tied to our stock price, and since a large percentage of our grants are subject to vesting schedules to help ensure that executives always have significant value tied to our long-term stock price performance. As described in our Compensation Discussion and Analysis, an important component of our executive compensation program is to grant executives performance-based LTIP Unit awards that vest based on the percentile ranking of our total stockholder return as compared to our peer REITs over the applicable performance period. The Compensation Committee believes these awards as well as our other LTIP Unit awards provide additional incentives for executives to create value for our stockholders and, together with the executives' equity ownership in our Company pursuant to our Stock Ownership Policies as described below, help further link their interests with those of our stockholders.

***Additional Compensation Committee Matters.*** The Compensation Committee charter provides that the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, retain or obtain the advice of any compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of director or executive officer compensation and shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any such compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser. The Compensation Committee periodically engages independent compensation consultants to assist in the development and review of our director and executive officer compensation programs, including evolving compensation trends and market survey data. After a review of various compensation consultants, the Compensation Committee retained FW Cook, a nationally recognized independent compensation consulting firm, in late 2012 to evaluate the existing executive and non-employee director compensation programs, assess the design and competitive positioning of these programs, and make recommendations for change, as appropriate. The Compensation Committee continued its engagement of FW Cook through 2017. The Compensation Committee considered the independence of FW Cook and determined that its engagement of FW Cook does not raise any conflicts of interest with our Company or any of our directors or executive officers. FW Cook provides no other consulting services to our Company, our executive officers or directors.

Mr. A. Coppola generally attended the Compensation Committee meetings (excluding any executive sessions) and provided his analysis and recommendations with respect to our executive compensation program, including the

compensation for our other executive officers. While Mr. A. Coppola's input is viewed by the Compensation Committee as an integral and vital part of the compensation process, the Compensation Committee is solely responsible for making the final decision regarding the form and amount of compensation for our executive officers. The Compensation Committee may also form and delegate authority to subcommittees, when

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appropriate, and each subcommittee to consist only of independent directors. No such subcommittee has been formed to date.

***Director Selection Process***

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee utilizes a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee periodically assesses the appropriate size of our Board of Directors, and whether any vacancies are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through current Board members, officers, professional search firms or other persons. These candidates are evaluated at regular or special meetings of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and may be considered at any point during the year. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also may review materials provided by professional search firms or other parties in connection with a nominee. In evaluating such nominations, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on our Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will make the final recommendations of candidates to our Board for nomination.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee conducted a search process to identify and evaluate potential candidates to add to our Board in accordance with the criteria set forth in our Guidelines on Corporate Governance. In connection with this search process, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee engaged a leading third-party search firm, Heidrick & Struggles. Following a process that included consideration of multiple potential candidates, a review of the current Board membership and the specific current and future needs of our Company and our Board and incorporation of stockholder viewpoints, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (and our Board) determined that Ms. Alford, Mr. Brandt and Mr. Hirsch were the best candidates for new appointments to our Board to replace Mr. Hubbell, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Ross, respectively. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and our Board considered Ms. Alford's strong digital expertise, track record of driving growth and innovation through data analytics and significant experience leading complex businesses. They considered Mr. Brandt's financial expertise, including as chief financial officer of a public company, as well as his public company board experience. They also considered Mr. Hirsch's strong real estate and investment expertise, as well as his public company board experience. These candidates were recommended by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Heidrick & Struggles, with Ms. Alford, Mr. Brandt and Mr. Hirsch being originally identified for inclusion in lists of potential candidates by an executive officer of the Company other than the CEO, by a non-management director on the recommendation of an advisor and by a security holder, respectively. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and our Board believe that Ms. Alford's, Mr. Brandt's and Mr. Hirsch's qualifications and attributes relevant to our Company and our business will enhance our Board's mix of skills and experience and the quality of our Board discussions and Board oversight. In addition, in connection with Mr. A. Coppola's retirement from our Company, including his retirement as a director and Chairman of the Board as of our Annual Meeting, our Board determined to nominate his appointed successor, Mr. O'Hern.

Our Board of Directors has a policy that stockholders may recommend a director candidate for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for election at an annual meeting of stockholders by submitting the names and qualifications of such persons in writing to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, c/o our Secretary, no later than the December 1 prior to the next annual meeting of stockholders, together with information about the stockholder and the candidate otherwise required for director nominations by a stockholder pursuant to Section 1.11 of our Bylaws, a copy of which will be made available upon request. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may request additional information concerning such director candidate as it deems reasonably required to determine the eligibility and qualification of the director candidate to serve as a member of our Board.

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and our Board of Directors will consider all persons properly recommended as a nominee for election to our Board in the same manner regardless of the source of the

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recommendation. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not apply any specific, minimum qualifications in considering a director candidate and does not impose additional qualifications on stockholder-recommended potential nominees. Instead, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews the candidates taking into account the current Board membership and considers a variety of factors, including the specific needs of our Company and our Board, the experience, skills, areas of expertise, independence, productivity, length of service, occupational and other responsibilities (including other public company board memberships and committee memberships) of the candidates, and such other factors as the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may determine are appropriate for review. This process is described in our Guidelines on Corporate Governance which is available at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under Investors Corporate Governance. Stockholders who wish to nominate a person for election as a director in connection with an annual meeting of stockholders (as opposed to making a recommendation to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee as described above) must deliver written notice to our Secretary in the manner described in Section 1.11 of our current Bylaws and within the time periods set forth herein under the heading Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominees.

Our Company's stockholders also possess the right to nominate candidates for election to our Board through proxy access provisions of our Company's Bylaws, pursuant to which an eligible stockholder, or a qualifying group of up to 20 stockholders, owning at least 3% of our outstanding shares of Common Stock continuously for at least three years, may nominate up to the greater of two directors or the largest whole number that does not exceed 20% of the number of directors then serving on our Board, for inclusion in our proxy materials, subject to complying with the requirements contained in Section 1.13 of our Bylaws.

***Diversity.*** Although our Company does not have a formal policy for the consideration of diversity in identifying nominees for director, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recognizes the benefits associated with a diverse Board and strives to create diversity in our Board as a whole when identifying and selecting nominees. With our recent appointment and nomination of Ms. Alford as a director, thirty percent of our Board's nominees at our Annual Meeting are female. Beyond gender diversity, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee utilizes a broad conception of diversity, including diversity of professional experience, background, skills, areas of expertise and perspective. These factors, the additional factors described above under Director Selection Process and others that are considered useful by our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are reviewed in terms of assessing the perceived needs of our Board at any particular point in time. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee focuses on having a Board which collectively possesses a broad range of talent, skill, expertise and experience useful to the effective oversight of our Company's business and affairs. On an annual basis, as part of our Board's self-evaluation, our Board assesses whether the overall mix of our Board members is appropriate for our Company.

***Board Leadership Structure***

Our Guidelines on Corporate Governance provide that our Board is free to make its choice for Chairman of the Board and CEO in any way that our Board considers is best for our Company. Our Board recognizes that no single leadership model is correct at all times and that, depending on the circumstances, another leadership model might be appropriate. Our Board, therefore, believes that it should have the flexibility to decide whether it is best for our Company at any point in time to combine or separate the roles of CEO and Chairman of the Board.

Our Board currently combines the role of Chairman of the Board and the role of CEO, but couples this with the Lead Director position to further strengthen our governance structure. Our Board believes this structure has provided an efficient and effective leadership model for our Company given Mr. A. Coppola's strong leadership and extensive knowledge of our Company. Combining the Chairman and CEO roles in the case of Mr. A. Coppola has served as a bridge between our Board and management and has fostered clear accountability, effective decision-making and alignment on corporate strategy.

To ensure independent oversight, we have had a strong Lead Director role since 2012 and hold executive sessions of the independent directors after every regularly scheduled Board meeting. Our current Lead Director, who was designated by our independent directors in August 2017, is Mr. Hash. In addition to collaborating with our CEO on a regular basis, the role of the Lead Director is to prepare our Board agendas with our CEO, chair



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the executive sessions of the non-management directors, call meetings of the independent directors and perform such other functions as our Board or non-management directors may direct. The non-management directors meet in separate executive sessions after each regularly scheduled Board meeting. The non-management directors met four times in 2017.

In light of Mr. A. Coppola's retirement from our Company, including his retirement as a director and Chairman of the Board as of our Annual Meeting, our Board has designated Mr. Hash to serve as Independent Chairman, effective as of the Annual Meeting. As Independent Chairman, Mr. Hash, if elected, will continue to perform the functions previously discharged in his role as Lead Director and assume the duties of Chairman of the Board. The duties of the Independent Chairman of the Board will include: working with the CEO and other directors to set the agenda for our Board meetings; presiding over all meetings of our Board and executive sessions of the independent directors; serving as the principal liaison on all Board issues; and other customary duties. The Independent Chairman will serve as an information resource for the independent directors and acts as a liaison between directors, committee chairs and management. Our Board believes this structure will continue to ensure strong, independent oversight and leadership.

### ***Annual Board, Committee and Director Evaluations***

Pursuant to our Guidelines on Corporate Governance and the charter of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees an annual evaluation of the performance of our Board and its committees in order to assess the overall effectiveness of our Board and its committees. The results of the assessment are reported by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee directly to, and are discussed with, our Board following the end of each fiscal year. The evaluation process is designed to facilitate ongoing, systematic examination of our Board's effectiveness and accountability, and to identify opportunities for improving its operations and procedures.

In 2017, in accordance with the requirements of the NYSE listing standards, our Board completed an evaluation process focusing on the effectiveness of the performance of our Board. Our Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees each conducted a separate evaluation of its own performance and of the adequacy of its charter and reported to our Board on the results of its evaluation. In addition to our Board and committee self-evaluations, each current director meets at least annually with the Lead Director and Chairman to review the director's individual performance.

### ***Succession Planning***

Our Board, acting through our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, developed a succession plan which is reviewed at least annually to ensure continuity in our Company's management, including policies and principles for named executive officer selection. This plan, on which each named executive officer reports his recommendations, addresses both emergency succession and succession in the ordinary course of business. In April 2018, Mr. A. Coppola announced that he will retire from his position as CEO of our Company as of December 31, 2018. Our Board leveraged its significant preparation in the area of succession planning in order to swiftly identify Mr. O'Hern as the most appropriate individual to succeed Mr. A. Coppola as Chief Executive Officer of our Company. In addition, our Company announced that effective as of January 1, 2019, Scott Kingsmore, Senior Vice President of Finance, will be appointed to the role of Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. Mr. Kingsmore has over 25 years of experience in the retail real estate industry, and has been with our Company for the past 22 years.

### ***Attendance at Stockholders' Meetings***

Our Board encourages directors in the Santa Monica area at the time of the stockholders' meeting to attend the meeting. Our Board does not require director attendance at our stockholders' meetings because our stock is predominately held by institutional stockholders and attendance is traditionally light. Chairman Coppola and three of our executive officers attended our 2017 annual stockholders' meeting.

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### ***Contact Our Board***

Individual stockholders or any other interested parties may contact our entire Board of Directors or individual members of our Board of Directors, our non-management directors as a group or the Lead Director for our non-management directors, by sending an e-mail as follows:

Board of Directors [boardofdirectors@macerich.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@macerich.com)

Non-Management Directors [nonmanagementdirectors@macerich.com](mailto:nonmanagementdirectors@macerich.com)

Lead Director for the Non-Management Directors [leaddirector@macerich.com](mailto:leaddirector@macerich.com) (until our Annual Meeting)

Independent Chairman [chairman@macerich.com](mailto:chairman@macerich.com) (following our Annual Meeting)

Such communications may be submitted in writing in care of:

Attention: Secretary

The Macerich Company

401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700

Santa Monica, CA 90401

All communications are distributed to our Board, or to any individual director or directors as appropriate, depending on the facts and circumstances of the communication. Our Board of Directors requested that certain items that are unrelated to the duties and responsibilities of our Board be excluded, such as spam, junk mail and mass mailings, resumes and other forms of job inquiries, surveys, business solicitations or advertisements.

### ***Codes of Ethics***

Our Company expects that all of our directors, officers and employees maintain a high level of integrity in their dealings with and on behalf of our Company and will act in the best interests of our Company. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics provides principles of conduct and ethics for our directors, officers and employees. This Code complies with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, applicable SEC rules and the NYSE Rules. In addition, our Company adopted a Code of Ethics for our CEO and senior financial officers which supplements our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all employees and complies with the additional requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and applicable SEC rules. To the extent required by applicable SEC rules and NYSE Rules, we intend to promptly disclose future amendments to certain provisions of these Codes or waivers of such provisions granted to directors and executive officers, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or persons performing similar functions, on our website at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under Investors Corporate Governance Code of Ethics. Each of these Codes of Conduct is available on our website at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under Investors Corporate Governance.

### ***Stockholder Engagement***

It is a priority of our Company and Board to maintain open communication with our stockholders. Our Company and Board are committed to regularly engaging with our stockholders on our Company's strategic direction, performance,

governance practices, compensation programs and other key matters. Both management and our Board believe that this is best done through ongoing dialogue with stockholders, including soliciting feedback and suggestions from our stockholders to strengthen the long-term prospects of our Company. This is an ongoing activity, not a check-the-box exercise.

Thus, during 2017 and 2018, members of our Board and management met, either telephonically or in-person with stockholders representing a substantial majority of our outstanding shares, and we continue to actively engage with our stockholders on an ongoing basis. When requested, or on a proactive basis as appropriate, we have sought to make available our Lead Director and other independent members of our Board for meetings with stockholders. Our Board and management have found these meetings invaluable: they have enhanced our stockholders' understanding of our Company's strategy and the ongoing robust dialogue these meetings have stimulated has generated useful feedback from our Company's stockholder base, allowing us to better understand stockholder perspectives. We continually assess our practices and make changes to reflect our conversations with stockholders. Our Board and management is committed to maintaining and enhancing this dialog with our stockholders.

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***Sustainability***

Our Company recognizes the importance of environmental and social considerations in conducting our business and views our approach to sustainability matters as providing us a competitive advantage. We strive to conduct our business in a socially responsible manner that balances consideration of environmental and social issues with creating long-term value for our Company and our stockholders. We are committed to improving our natural resource efficiency and demonstrating that the operation and development of our properties can be conducted in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. Consideration of these issues is an ongoing part of operations, whether it relates to our offices or Centers.

To learn more about our Company's sustainability efforts, please view our Sustainability Report on our website at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com) under About Sustainability.

**Compensation of Non-Employee Directors**

Our non-employee directors are compensated for their services according to an arrangement approved by our Board of Directors and recommended by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee generally reviews director compensation annually. A Board member who is also an employee of our Company or a subsidiary does not receive compensation for service as a director. Messrs. A. Coppola and E. Coppola are currently the only directors who are also employees of our Company or a subsidiary. Upon his election to our Board of Directors in place of Mr. A. Coppola, Mr. O'Hern will be a director who is also an employee of our Company. Mr. Sullivan received no compensation from our Company as a director because his employer's policies do not allow it, but he was reimbursed for his reasonable expenses.

In July 2016, FW Cook conducted a competitive review of our non-employee director compensation program, including the review of the director compensation programs of companies within our peer group, and suggested changes for the Compensation Committee's consideration. Based on the recommendations of the Compensation Committee, our Board of Directors revised certain aspects of our non-employee director compensation. The following sets forth the compensation structure effective July 21, 2016:

<i>Annual Retainer for Service on our Board</i>	\$70,000
<i>Annual Equity Award for Service on our Board</i>	\$125,000 of restricted stock units based upon the closing price of our Common Stock on the grant date, which is in March of each year. The restricted stock units are granted under our 2003 Incentive Plan and have a one-year vesting period.
<i>Annual Retainer for Lead Director</i>	\$50,000
<i>Annual Retainers for Chairs of Audit, Compensation and Nominating &amp; Corporate Governance Committees</i>	Audit: \$20,000
	Compensation: \$20,000
<i>(in addition to membership retainer)</i>	
	Nominating & Corp. Governance: \$12,500
<i>Annual Retainer for Committee Membership Expenses</i>	\$12,500
	The reasonable expenses incurred by each director (including employee directors) in connection with the performance of their duties are reimbursed.

***Non-Employee Director Equity Award Programs***

In addition, our Director Phantom Stock Plan offers our non-employee directors the opportunity to defer cash compensation otherwise payable and to receive that compensation (to the extent that it is actually earned by service during that period) in cash or in shares of Common Stock as elected by the director, after termination of the director's service or on a specified payment date. Such compensation includes the annual cash retainers payable to our non-employee directors. A majority of our non-employee directors serving in 2017 elected to receive all or a portion of their 2017 cash retainers in Common Stock. Deferred amounts are generally credited as

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stock units at the beginning of the applicable deferral period based on the present value of such deferred compensation divided by the average fair market value of our Common Stock for the preceding 10 trading days. Stock unit balances are credited with additional stock units as dividend equivalents and are ultimately paid out in shares of our Common Stock on a one-for-one basis. A maximum of 500,000 shares of our Common Stock may be issued in total under our Director Phantom Stock Plan, subject to certain customary adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and similar events. The vesting of the stock units is accelerated in case of the death or disability of a director or, upon the termination of service as a director at the time of or after a change of control event. Our Company has a deferral program for the equity compensation of our non-employee directors which allows them to defer the receipt of all or a portion of their restricted stock unit awards and receive the underlying Common Stock after termination of service or a specified payment date. Any dividends payable with respect to those deferred restricted stock units will also be deferred and will be paid in accordance with their payment election. The deferred dividend equivalents may be paid in cash or converted into additional restricted stock units and ultimately paid in shares of our Common Stock on a one-to-one basis. The vesting of the deferred restricted stock units is accelerated in case of the death or disability of a director or upon a change of control event.

**2017 Non-Employee Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth the compensation paid, awarded or earned with respect to each of our non-employee directors during 2017. We do not provide our non-employee directors with initial inducement awards upon joining our Board other than the regular annual equity award granted to our existing directors. Mr. Hubbell resigned from our Board on March 29, 2018 and Ms. Alford joined our Board on March 29, 2018.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in		Total (\$)
	Cash \$(1)	Stock Awards \$(2)	
<b>John H. Alschuler</b>	82,500	125,000	207,500
<b>Steven R. Hash</b>	139,658	125,000	264,658
<b>Fred S. Hubbell</b>	125,274	125,000	250,274
<b>Diana M. Laing</b>	82,500	125,000	207,500
<b>Mason G. Ross</b>	95,000	125,000	220,000
<b>Steven L. Soboroff</b>	107,500	125,000	232,500
<b>Andrea M. Stephen</b>	115,000	125,000	240,000
<b>John M. Sullivan(3)</b>			

(1) Pursuant to our Director Phantom Stock Plan, each director receiving compensation, except Messrs. Hash, Ross and Soboroff, elected to defer fully his or her annual cash retainers for 2017 and to receive such compensation in Common Stock at a future date. Therefore, for 2017 compensation, Messrs. Alschuler and Hubbell and Meses. Laing and Stephen were credited with 1,191, 1,356, 953 and 1,660 stock units, respectively, which vested during 2017 as their service was provided.

(2)

The amounts shown represent the grant date fair value computed in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Bulletin ASC Topic 718 referred to as FASB ASC Topic 718, of restricted stock awards granted under our 2003 Incentive Plan. Any estimated forfeitures were excluded from the determination of these amounts and there were no forfeitures of stock awards during 2017 by our directors. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are set forth in footnote 19 to our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018.

Except for Mr. Sullivan, each of our non-employee directors received 1,877 restricted stock units on March 3, 2017 under our 2003 Incentive Plan. The closing price per share of our Common Stock on that date was \$66.57.

- (3) Mr. Sullivan's employer has a policy that does not allow him to hold shares of stock of our Company.



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As of December 31, 2017, our non-employee directors held the following number of unpaid phantom stock units and unvested restricted stock units:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Unpaid Phantom Stock Units (#)</b>	<b>Unvested Restricted Stock Units (#)</b>
<b>John H. Alschuler</b>	2,860	1,877
<b>Steven R. Hash</b>		1,877
<b>Fred S. Hubbell</b>	72,589	1,877
<b>Diana M. Laing</b>	34,232	1,877
<b>Mason G. Ross</b>	10,382	1,877
<b>Steven L. Soboroff</b>		1,877
<b>Andrea M. Stephen</b>	10,025	1,877
<b>John M. Sullivan</b>		

**Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth, as of April 30, 2018, the names, ages and positions of our executive officers and the year each became an officer.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Officer Since</b>
<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	66	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer	1993
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	63	President	1993
<b>Thomas E. O'Hern</b>	62	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	1993
<b>Ann C. Menard</b>	55	Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary	2018

On April 19, 2018, Mr. A. Coppola informed our Board that he will retire from his position as Chairman of the Board effective as of our Annual Meeting and from his position as CEO effective December 31, 2018. On April 20, 2018, Mr. Robert Perlmutter provided notice to our Company that he was resigning as of such date.

On April 26, 2018, our Company announced that Thomas E. O'Hern will be appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2019.

Ms. Ann C. Menard, who joined our Company on January 29, 2018 as an Executive Vice President, has been our Chief Legal Officer and Secretary since March 1, 2018.

**Executive Officer Equity Ownership**

The following table sets forth, as of the record date, March 23, 2018, the number of shares of our Common Stock and OP Units beneficially owned by each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table on page 45 of this Proxy Statement, whom we refer to as our named executive officers.

Name	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock and OP Units(1)</b>	<b>Percent of Common Stock(2)</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of OP Units(1)</b>	<b>Percent of Common Stock(2)</b>
<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b> (3)	2,770,512(4)(5)	1.93%	2,664,450(6)	1.86%
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b> (3)	1,944,679(7)(8)	1.36%	1,633,272(9)	1.15%
<b>Thomas E. O'Hern</b>	270,736(10)	*	214,319(11)	*
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	166,188(12)	*	137,049(12)	*
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	148,875(13)	*	138,310(14)	*

\* The percentage of shares beneficially owned by this executive officer does not exceed one percent of our outstanding shares of Common Stock.

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- (1) Except as provided under applicable state marital property laws or as otherwise noted, each individual in the table above has sole voting and investment power over the shares of Common Stock and/or OP Units listed.
- (2) Assumes that all OP Units and LTIP Units held by the person are redeemed for shares of Common Stock (assuming, in the case of any LTIP Units, they have first been converted into OP Units) and that none of our OP Units or LTIP Units held by other persons are redeemed for or converted into shares of Common Stock.
- (3) Arthur Coppola and Edward Coppola are brothers.
- (4) Includes 488 shares held by Mr. A. Coppola as custodian for his minor child and 1,764,055 OP Units that are held by family limited liability companies of which Mr. A. Coppola is the sole manager.
- (5) Includes 98,066 vested LTIP Units and 64,726 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. A. Coppola has 422,193 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (6) Includes 1,764,055 OP Units that are held by family limited liability companies of which Mr. A. Coppola is the sole manager, 98,066 vested LTIP Units and 64,726 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. A. Coppola has 422,193 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (7) Includes 5,993 shares of Common Stock held for Mr. E. Coppola under our 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes 39,969 shares held by a family limited partnership of which Mr. E. Coppola has sole beneficial ownership, 155,952 OP Units held in a family trust where Mr. E. Coppola has shared beneficial ownership and 1,800 shares held by Mr. E. Coppola as custodian for his children.
- (8) Includes 64,978 vested LTIP Units and 25,890 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. E. Coppola has 168,875 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (9) Includes 155,952 OP Units held in a family trust of which Mr. E. Coppola has shared beneficial ownership, 64,978 vested LTIP Units and 25,890 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. E. Coppola has 168,875 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (10) Includes 4,814 shares of Common Stock held for Mr. O Hern under our 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan. Also includes 2,982 shares held by Mr. O Hern as custodian for his children, 2,441 shares Mr. O Hern holds jointly with two of his sons, 36,971 vested LTIP Units and 14,384 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. O Hern has 93,819 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.

- (11) Includes 36,971 vested LTIP Units and 14,384 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. O Hern has 93,819 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (12) Includes 86,977 OP Units held in trust by Mr. Perlmutter as trustee, 36,205 vested LTIP Units and 13,867 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. Perlmutter has 86,787 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (13) Includes 10,565 shares subject to options granted to Mr. Leanse under our 2003 Incentive Plan that are currently exercisable, 29,619 vested LTIP Units and 4,655 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. Leanse has 41,211 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.
- (14) Includes 29,619 vested LTIP Units and 4,655 service-based LTIP Units that will vest after May 22, 2018. In addition to the securities disclosed in the above table, Mr. Leanse has 41,211 unvested performance-based LTIP Units.

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***Executive Officer Biographical Information***

Biographical information concerning Messrs. E. Coppola and O. Hern is set forth above under the caption "Information Regarding our Director Nominees."

**Arthur M. Coppola** has been our Chief Executive Officer since our formation and was elected Chairman of the Board in September 2008. On April 19, 2018, Mr. A. Coppola informed our Board that he will retire from his position as Chairman of the Board effective as of our Annual Meeting and from his position as CEO effective December 31, 2018. As Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. A. Coppola is responsible for the strategic direction and overall management of our Company. He served as our President from our formation until his election as Chairman. Mr. A. Coppola is one of our Company's founders and has over 42 years of experience in the shopping center industry, all of which has been with The Macerich Group and our Company. From 2005 through 2010, Mr. A. Coppola was a member of the board of governors or the executive committee of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, Inc. (Nareit), served as the 2007 chair of the board of governors and received the 2009 Nareit Industry Leadership Award. Mr. A. Coppola is also an attorney and a certified public accountant.

**Ann C. Menard** joined our Company on January 29, 2018 as an Executive Vice President and has been our Chief Legal Officer and Secretary since March 1, 2018. Prior to joining our Company, Ms. Menard was U.S. General Counsel and Managing Director for Tishman Speyer, a global real estate owner, operator, developer and fund manager from October 2005 through December 2017, where she managed legal activities and risk in connection with operations in major U.S. markets including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Seattle, Chicago and Atlanta. Prior to joining Tishman Speyer, Ms. Menard was a partner in the real estate and corporate finance departments at O'Melveny & Myers, LLP in their Los Angeles and Newport Beach offices. Ms. Menard received her JD, magna cum laude, from Loyola Law School of Los Angeles in 1991, after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

*The following Report of the Compensation Committee shall not be deemed soliciting material or to be filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Securities Act or Exchange Act or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C or the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent our Company specifically requests that this Report be treated as soliciting material or specifically incorporates this Report by reference into a filing under either of such Acts.*

**Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of The Macerich Company, a Maryland corporation, has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis in this Proxy Statement with management. Based on such review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and this Proxy Statement for our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**The Compensation Committee**

Andrea M. Stephen, Chair

Steven R. Hash

Steven L. Soboroff



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**COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The Compensation Discussion & Analysis ( CD&A ) describes the material elements of our executive compensation program, how it is designed to support the achievement of our key strategic and financial objectives, and the compensation decisions the Compensation Committee made under the program for our named executive officers, who for 2017 were:

<b>Named Executive Officers</b>	<b>Title</b>
Arthur M. Coppola(1)	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer
Edward C. Coppola	President
Thomas E. O Hern	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Robert D. Perlmutter(2)	Former Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Thomas J. Leanse(3)	Former Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

- (1) Mr. A. Coppola will retire from his position as Chairman of the Board effective as of our Annual Meeting and from his position as CEO effective December 31, 2018.
  - (2) Mr. Perlmutter resigned as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer on April 20, 2018.
  - (3) Mr. Leanse retired from his full time position as Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary on February 28, 2018; he will continue to consult with our Company on several projects and advise on other matters, as requested.
- For purposes of this CD&A, we refer to the Compensation Committee as the Committee.

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**Executive Summary**

***Business Highlights***

2017 demonstrated continued strength in our operating results and portfolio metrics. As a result of our strong leadership, we continued to seize opportunities and further strengthen our Company and our growth opportunities, as evidenced by our accomplishments below:

**Operational**

Mall tenant annual sales per square foot for the portfolio increased by 4.8% to \$660 for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$630 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Same Center NOI grew 2.73%

FFO per diluted share was \$3.83 in 2017

**Leasing**

Occupancy levels continued to be stable, ending the year at 95.0%

Releasing spreads for 2017 were up 15.2% from 2016

Average rent per square foot increased to \$56.97, up 3.8% from \$54.87 at December 31, 2016

**Development and Redevelopment**

\$250 million in-process pipeline in Philadelphia and New York

Kings Plaza Shopping Center \$100 million redevelopment nears completion

**Sustainability**

Macerich is focused on sustainability as a long-term, fully-integrated business approach

Retail Leader in the Light Environmental Award for the fourth consecutive year from the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts

#1 ranking in the U.S. Retail Sector for sustainability performance for real estate portfolios around the world for the third straight year, according to scores published by Global Real



Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)

Recipient of U.S. BREEAM in-use building certification at 11 properties

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In 2017, our Company continued the sector-leading progress we have made in recent years, demonstrating our ability to consistently seize opportunities and further strengthen our Company and our growth prospects. *For additional information about the following financial metrics, see our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and Appendix I of this Proxy Statement.*

- (1) FFO per share-diluted represents funds from operations per share on a diluted basis, excluding the gain or loss on early extinguishment of debt. For 2015, FFO per share-diluted also excludes costs related to an unsolicited hostile takeover attempt and proxy contest. For the definition of FFO per share-diluted and a reconciliation of FFO per share-diluted to net income per share attributable to common stockholders-diluted, see Appendix I of this Proxy Statement and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Funds from Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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Despite our strong operating performance, our total stockholder return ( TSR ) in 2017 underperformed the S&P 500 Index and FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index.

	<b>1 year (2017)</b>	<b>3 year (2015-2017)</b>	<b>5 year (2013-2017)</b>
The Macerich Company	-2.8%	-7.2%	43.4%
S&P 500 Index	21.8%	38.3%	108.1%
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index	8.7%	21.4%	59.8%

In 2016 and 2017, REIT TSRs were generally lower than the broader market, and regional mall REITs in particular underperformed other REITs. We believe that our negative TSR in 2016 and 2017 has been driven primarily by bearish investor sentiment for the mall REIT sector in general, in the wake of store closings and tenant bankruptcies announced by several high-profile retailers. However, our performance versus other mall REITs has been strong. Over the past five years we have generated a higher total return to our stockholders than any of our direct competitors, as illustrated in the following graph.

While store closings and tenant bankruptcies have adversely impacted our short-term TSR, these bankruptcies often present opportunities to secure more productive and more contemporary tenants that will generate higher sales productivity in the coming years. We remain well-positioned to take advantage of these opportunities.

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**Compensation Highlights**

**Compensation Elements.** The following chart summarizes, for each component of our executive compensation program, the objectives and key features and the compensation decisions made by the Committee for our named executive officers for 2017:

Pay Element		Objectives and Key Features	Highlights for 2017
Salary	Cash	Relatively small, fixed cash pay based on the scope and complexity of each position, the officer's experience, competitive pay levels and general economic conditions	2017 salaries for each named executive officer remained unchanged from 2016 levels
Annual Incentive Bonus	Equity	Variable short-term incentive	Based on achievements versus the goals, 2017 earned annual bonuses ranged from 82% to 87% of target for each named executive officer
		Rewards achievement of both corporate and individual performance	
		Performance measured using annual scorecard designed to support our Company's short-term financial and strategic objectives	All such earned bonuses were paid in fully-vested LTIP units to further promote stockholder alignment
		- Corporate goals (Same Center NOI growth, FFO per diluted share, releasing spreads, replacing lost rents, and succession planning) were weighted 80%, and evaluated formulaically against pre-established threshold, target, and maximum goals	
		- Individual performance against pre-established goals was weighted 20%	
	Equity	Variable long-term incentive	Performance-based and service-based LTIP Units for the 2017-2019 performance/vesting period were granted to the named executive officers on January 1, 2017. Target grant values remained the same

Provides incentive for our executive officers to take actions that contribute to the creation of stockholder value and outperform other equity REITs which are investment alternatives for our stockholders

as in 2016, except for Mr. Perlmutter, whose target LTIP was increased to reflect his promotion to Sr. EVP and Chief Operating Officer in early 2016.

Performance-based LTIP Units granted in 2017 may be earned from 0% to 150% of target based on our TSR over the three-year performance period compared to all publicly-traded equity REITs (the Peer REITs )

Our shift from a one-year to a three-year performance period commenced with the 2016 performance-based LTIP Units

- As a result, no performance-based LTIP Units vested in 2017

Service-based LTIP units vest in annual installments over a three-year period to promote retention and stability of our management team

*Equity*

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*Target Total Direct Compensation Mix*

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***Target vs. Realizable CEO Compensation***

As illustrated above, the majority of our CEO's compensation opportunity is at risk and tied to performance goals and our absolute and relative TSR. Our pay-for-performance philosophy is further illustrated by comparing target total direct compensation to realizable compensation, after taking into account actual performance.

Despite solid operating performance during 2016 and 2017, our TSR lagged the Equity Peer REITs. As a result, as of December 31, 2017, realizable compensation for our CEO was substantially below target for each of 2016 and 2017.

Target pay includes base salary, target annual incentive, and the target grant-date fair value of long-term incentives in each of 2016 and 2017 for Mr. A. Coppola. Realizable pay includes: (i) annual base salary earned; (ii) actual annual incentive earned in respect of the applicable year; and (iii) the value of performance-based LTIP Units (assuming the performance period had ended December 31, 2017) and service-based LTIP Units as of December 31, 2017, including earned dividend equivalents. None of the performance-based LTIP Units granted in 2016 and only 60% of the target number of performance-based LTIP Units granted in 2017 would have been earned at December 31, 2017 based on our relative TSR performance as of such date. The value of the service-based LTIP Units is based on our closing stock price on December 29, 2017, the last trading day of fiscal 2017. This chart and the total realizable pay reported in this chart provide supplemental information regarding the compensation paid to our CEO and should not be viewed as a substitute for the 2017 Summary Compensation Table. We believe that showing realizable compensation illustrates for stockholders the alignment between pay and performance.

**2017 Say-on-Pay Vote**

At our 2017 annual stockholders' meeting, approximately 89% of the votes cast were in favor of the non-binding advisory resolution to approve the compensation of our named executive officers. Although the results of the say-on-pay vote are advisory and not binding on our Company, our Board of Directors or the Committee, our Board of Directors and the Committee value the opinions of our stockholders and take the results of the say-on-pay vote into account when making decisions regarding the compensation of our named executive

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officers. Following our 2015 annual meeting, the Committee, working with FW Cook, made meaningful changes to our executive compensation program in response to our stockholders' feedback, including switching from a one-year performance period for our performance-based LTIP Units to a three-year performance period. In addition, we engaged in stockholder outreach on executive compensation matters throughout 2016. The Committee has considered the result of the 2017 say-on-pay vote and, as a result of the high percentage of votes cast in favor of this proposal, the Committee believes that the changes made to our compensation program in 2016 were supported by stockholders. Accordingly, the Committee decided to maintain our general approach to executive compensation and made no significant changes to our executive compensation program during 2017.

Throughout 2017, we continued engagement with stockholders on a variety of issues, including executive compensation and corporate governance. As part of our commitment to ongoing, transparent communication with our stockholders, we will continue this open dialogue to ensure we understand stockholder views on these important issues.

### **Compensation Governance Highlights**

Our executive compensation and corporate governance programs are designed to closely link pay with operational performance and increases in long-term stockholder value while minimizing excessive risk taking. To help us accomplish these important objectives, we have adopted the following policies and practices:

***No Excessive Risk Taking.*** Our compensation program is designed to not incentivize excessive risk taking by participants. We conduct an annual risk assessment of all of our compensation programs.

***No Tax Gross-Ups.*** None of our Company's executives are entitled to any tax gross-ups.

***Double-Trigger Equity Vesting.*** Effective with the 2016 equity grants, our equity awards are subject to double-trigger vesting acceleration in connection with a change of control.

***Robust Stock Ownership Guidelines.*** We have robust stock ownership policies for our named executive officers and directors and each individual who is subject to them is in compliance with those policies. See "Stock Ownership Policies" on pages 42-43 of this Proxy Statement.

***Holding Period.*** Until the minimum required stock ownership level is achieved, our named executive officers must retain 50% of their net-after-tax profit shares from equity compensation awards. See "Stock Ownership Policies" on pages 42-43 of this Proxy Statement.

***Clawback Policy.*** We have a clawback policy that allows us to recover cash and equity incentive compensation paid to our executive officers if the compensation was based on achieving financial results that were subsequently restated and the amount of the executive officer's incentive compensation would have been lower had the financial results been properly reported.

***No Repricing.*** We do not permit repricing of underwater options or SARs or permit exchange of underwater options or SARs for other awards or cash, without prior stockholder approval.

***Anti-Hedging Policy.*** We have a policy prohibiting all of our directors, officers and employees from engaging in any hedging or monetization transactions that are designed to hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of our securities. This policy also prohibits short sales and the purchase and sale of publicly traded options of our Company.



***Anti-Pledging Policy.*** In addition, we have a policy (a) prohibiting all our directors and executive officers from pledging our securities if they are unable to meet our stock ownership requirements without reference to such pledged shares and (b) recommending that our directors and executive officers not pledge our Company's securities. Currently, no shares of our Company are pledged by our directors and executive officers.

***Independent Compensation Consultant.*** The Committee engages an independent compensation consulting firm that provides us with no other services.

***Annual Say-on-Pay.*** We annually submit our executive compensation program for our named executive officers to say-on-pay advisory votes for stockholder consideration.

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### **Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

Our executive compensation program is designed to achieve the following objectives:

Attract, retain and reward experienced, highly-motivated executives who are capable of leading our Company in executing our ambitious growth strategy.

Link compensation earned to achievement of our Company's short-term and long-term financial and strategic goals.

Align the interests of management with those of our stockholders by providing a substantial portion of compensation in the form of equity-based incentives and maintaining robust stock ownership requirements.

Adhere to high standards of corporate governance.

The Committee believes strongly in linking compensation to corporate performance: the annual incentive awards (which for 2017 were paid entirely in the form of equity) are primarily based on overall corporate performance and the earned value of 75% of the long-term incentive equity awards depends on our three-year TSR relative to the Equity Peer REITs. The Committee also recognizes individual performance in making its executive compensation decisions. The Committee believes this is the best program overall to attract, motivate and retain highly skilled executives whose performance and contributions benefit our Company and our stockholders. The Committee believes it utilizes the right blend of cash and equity to provide appropriate incentives for executives while aligning their interests with those of our stockholders and encouraging the executives' long-term commitment to our Company. The Committee does not have a strict policy for allocating a specific portion of compensation to our named executive officers between cash and non-cash or short-term and long-term compensation. Instead, the Committee considers how each component promotes retention and/or motivates performance by the executive.

### **Inputs to Compensation Decisions**

#### **Role of the Compensation Committee**

The Committee reviews and approves the compensation for our executive officers, reviews our overall compensation structure and philosophy and administers certain of our employee benefit and stock plans, with authority to authorize awards under our incentive plans. The Committee currently consists of three independent directors, Ms. Stephen (Chair) and Messrs. Soboroff and Hash.

#### **Role of Management**

Management, under the leadership of our Chief Executive Officer, develops our Company's strategy and corresponding internal business plans, which our executive compensation program is designed to support. Our Chief Executive Officer also provides the Committee with his evaluation of the performance of and his recommendations on compensation for his direct reports, including the other named executive officers.

#### **Role of Compensation Consultant**

The Committee may, in its sole discretion, retain or obtain the advice of any compensation consultant as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of director or executive officer compensation and is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any such compensation consultant. The Committee retained FW Cook as its independent compensation consultant with respect to our compensation programs. FW Cook's role is to evaluate the existing executive and non-employee director compensation programs, assess the design and competitive positioning of these programs, and make recommendations for change, as appropriate. The Committee considered the independence of FW Cook and determined that its engagement of FW Cook does not raise any conflicts of interest with our Company or any of our directors or executive officers. FW Cook provides no other consulting services to our Company, executive officers or directors.

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FW Cook periodically conducts competitive reviews of our executive compensation program, including a competitive analysis of pay opportunities for our named executive officers as compared to the relevant peer group selected by the Committee. The Committee reviews compensation practices at peer companies to inform itself and aid it in its decision-making process so it can establish compensation programs that it believes are reasonably competitive.

FW Cook conducted a comprehensive review of our program in 2015, and made subsequent updates to competitive data for selected positions in 2016 with competitive comparisons based on twenty U.S.-based, publicly traded REITs of reasonably similar size to our Company, as measured by total capitalization, and/or with a focus on the retail sector. The group included our direct mall REIT competitors, both larger and smaller than us; REITs in other asset classes were primarily selected based on size. At the time FW Cook conducted the competitive reviews, our total capitalization was in the median range compared to the peer group. The Committee believes that these REITs best reflected a complexity and breadth of operations, as well as the amount of capital and assets managed, similar to our Company at the time the studies were conducted. FW Cook again reviewed the peer group for a comprehensive review conducted in 2017. The peer group REITs resulting from the 2017 comprehensive review were:

Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.  
 Boston Properties, Inc.  
 Brixmor Property Group, Inc.  
 Digital Realty Trust, Inc.  
 Douglas Emmett, Inc.  
 Federal Realty Investment Trust  
 General Growth Properties, Inc.  
 HCP, Inc.  
 Kilroy Realty Corporation

Kimco Realty Corporation  
 Regency Centers Corporation  
 Simon Property Group, Inc.  
 SL Green Realty Corp.  
 Tanger Factory Outlets  
 Taubman Centers, Inc.  
 VEREIT, Inc.  
 Vornado Realty Trust

Relative to 2016, based on the 2017 comprehensive review FW Cook recommended and the Committee approved the following changes to the peer group, which are reflected in the peer group listed above: Four REITs were removed as they had become much larger than us in total capitalization: AvalonBay Communities, Inc.; Equity Residential; Prologis, Inc. and Ventas, Inc. Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. was also removed as its asset class was deemed too different from ours. Two REITs were added, VEREIT, Inc. and Brixmor Property Group, Inc. because they are closer in size to us and have a substantial proportion of retail assets in their portfolios, albeit primarily single-tenant and/or shopping center retail as compared to our focus on Class-A regional malls.

The Committee does not set compensation components to meet specific benchmarks. Instead the Committee focuses on a balance of annual and long-term compensation, which is heavily weighted toward at risk performance-based compensation. Peer group data is not used as the determining factor in setting compensation because each officer's role and experience is unique. The Committee believes that ultimately the decision as to appropriate compensation for a particular officer should be made based on a full review of that officer's and our Company's performance.

**Compensation for 2017 Performance**

Compensation opportunities for each named executive officer consisted of a base salary, an annual bonus opportunity, and long-term incentives, each of which is described in more detail below.

**Base Salary: No Salary Increases in 2017**

As they do annually, the Committee members reviewed base salaries of the named executive officers to determine whether they remain appropriate based on the factors identified above. Based on this review, the 2017 base salaries of our named executive officers remained unchanged from 2017.

Effective April 26, 2018, Mr. O'Hern's base salary was increased to \$800,000, pursuant to his offer letter described below - Offer Letter with Mr. O'Hern.

**Table of Contents****Annual Incentive Structure: Rigorous Goals to Align Compensation with Performance.**

Each executive officer has a target annual incentive opportunity, expressed as a percentage of base salary. Consistent with prior years, target bonus is 200% of base salary for the CEO and President, and 150% of base salary for the other named executive officers. The Committee sets target bonuses for Messrs. A. Coppola and E. Coppola at a higher percentage of base salary than the other executives because as the CEO and President, respectively, they are our strategic leaders and manage and direct our other named executive officers. Actual bonuses can range from 0% to 200% of each executive's target bonus, based on the Committee's assessment of annual performance against the objectives established for the year.

Under our annual incentive program, the Committee evaluates performance against a scorecard of performance objectives established at the beginning of the year. These rigorous scorecard goals are designed to reward the successful execution of our strategies, and were consistent with our external guidance as disclosed in the first quarter of 2017. For 2017, five corporate measures determined 80% of each executive's earned bonus; the remaining 20% was based on the Committee's assessment of the executive's individual performance. The 2017 corporate scorecard measures, as well as actual achievement versus each goal, are outlined in the following table:

**2017 Corporate Goals Weighted 80%**

Measure	Weighting	2017 Goals			2017	
		Threshold	Target	Max	Actual	Payout (% of Target)
	<i>Payout g</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>200%</i>		
Same Center NOI Growth	20%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	2.73%	0.0%
FFO per Diluted Share(1)	20%	\$3.90	\$3.95	\$4.00	\$3.95(2)	100.0%
Re-leasing Spreads	20%	12%	14%	16%	15.2%	108%
Replacing Lost Rents from bankrupt specialty store tenants	10%	50%	65%	80%	51%	53.3%
Succession Planning	10%	Deliver a uniform evaluation and documentation of a succession plan for each department			Achieved	100%

(1) Excludes the impact of any assets returned to lenders or services and the impact of acquisitions/dispositions

(2) Excludes \$0.09 dilutive impact from new tax rates and \$0.03 of dilution from the sales of Cascade Mall and Northgate Mall.

At the time the goals were set, the Committee believed these goals were rigorous, in particular in the context of the anticipated slowing growth in the retail REIT sector. For the target incentive amount to be earned, Same Center NOI in 2017 had to grow 3.5% over 2016 and the rent per square foot on new leases executed in 2017 had to increase by 14% over rent per square foot on expiring leases. Target FFO per diluted share for 2017 was below actual 2016 FFO per share as a result of a combination of items, including the significant number of tenant bankruptcies which occurred toward the end of 2016 and additional bankruptcies which were anticipated for 2017; asset dispositions in 2016 and

anticipated for 2017; higher interest rates and reducing NOI for specific assets under development.

***Individual Performance Weighted 20%***

The Committee evaluated the 2017 individual performance of our named executive officers, with Mr. A. Coppola providing the Committee with his evaluation with respect to the performance of the other executives. As part of this process, the Committee discussed with Mr. A. Coppola his evaluation of the contributions of each executive, including with respect to our 2017 corporate achievements.

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The Committee noted the following:

***With respect to Mr. E. Coppola:*** his continued leadership supporting our strategic dispositions, acquisitions and developments, including his role in the successful completion of Green Acres Commons and the redevelopment of Broadway Plaza and Sears store at Kings Plaza. Mr. E. Coppola was instrumental in building strategic relationships with key stakeholders. His knowledge of the real estate markets as well as his strong relationships with real estate owners, partners and governmental officials were also critical to the success of our dispositions, acquisitions and development strategies. Mr. E. Coppola was also actively involved in our Company's succession planning initiatives and talent development.

***With respect to Mr. O. Hern:*** his leadership in supporting and executing our strategic, financial and operational initiatives; success in maintaining the strength of our balance sheet; his continuing role in leading our capital market efforts, including successfully financing of \$800 million of mall financings including a \$400 million 12-year loan in Freehold Raceway Mall at an average interest rate of 3.48%, completing the \$221 million share repurchases resulting in the retirement of 2.6% of total shares previously outstanding. Mr. O. Hern also led our Company's engagement and communication efforts with the investment communities and articulating the compelling nature of our strategic plans, financial strength and business achievements.

***With respect to Mr. Perlmutter:*** his contributions with members of the Macerich team to our industry-leading results, including strong occupancy and double-digit releasing spreads. In the face of significant tenant bankruptcies at the start of the year which increased throughout 2017, Mr. Perlmutter helped maintain, and even improve, occupancy throughout the portfolio. He was also involved in securing a commitment from Nordstrom to open at Country Club Plaza.

***With respect to Mr. Leanse:*** his support of the executive team's efforts in responding to and negotiating new business opportunities, his support of our Board in corporate governance issues, his work to develop a more efficient and effective way to deliver comprehensive legal services and his activities with respect to our Company's various ongoing legal, operational and litigation matters.

***With respect to Mr. A. Coppola:*** in determining his annual incentive bonus, the Committee reviewed with Mr. A. Coppola his 2017 accomplishments against his goals. In addition to supporting our 2017 corporate goals previously described, Mr. A. Coppola's accomplishments for 2017 included his leadership in our Company's efforts to advance digitally native, vertically integrated retail strategies, revitalize tenant mix, cultivate redevelopment opportunities of existing anchor stores, continue the execution of our long-term plan of recycling capital from non-core assets into our key development and redevelopment pipeline, and nurture succession planning and upward mobility throughout our Company. Mr. A. Coppola also guided our Company to several high profile and industry leading awards in recognition of sustainability initiatives and practices.

Based on each executive's accomplishments as well as considering performance scores for the employees reporting to each of the named executive officers, the Committee scored the individual performance category at 100% of target for Messrs. A. Coppola, O. Hern, and Perlmutter and at 75% of target for Messrs. E. Coppola and Leanse.

Earned bonuses were awarded in the form of fully-vested LTIP Units, to further promote alignment with stockholders. Under applicable SEC rules, equity awards are reported as compensation in the tables below in this Proxy Statement for the year in which the award was granted, not the year to which the performance relates. Accordingly, the LTIP Units awarded as annual incentive compensation based on 2017 performance described above will be reported in those tables in next year's proxy statement as compensation for 2018. Thus, the compensation for our named executive officers for 2017 reflected in the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table below



includes the LTIP Units awarded to each executive early in 2017 for 2016 performance. See 2017 Total Compensation below.

**Table of Contents****Long-Term Incentives 75% Performance-Based and Tied to Achieving Strong Relative Returns**

Since 2006, our Company has utilized a long-term equity-based incentive program as an important means to align the interests of our executives and our stockholders, to encourage our executives to adopt a longer-term perspective and to reward them for creating stockholder value in a pay-for-performance structure.

For 2017, the Committee approved for each named executive officer an aggregate grant date fair value for these awards, to be granted in the form of LTIP Units. That amount was divided between two types of LTIP Units as follows:

**Performance-Based LTIP Units (75%).** May be earned from 0% to 100% of the target number of units awarded based on our TSR performance relative to the Equity Peer REITs for the three-year performance period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. Payouts, as a percentage of target units, for the performance-based LTIP Units for various levels of absolute and relative performance are outlined in the following table, with linear interpolation for performance between performance levels.

<b>MAC's Relative TSR Percentile Ranking</b>	<b>Payout (% of Target LTIP Units)</b>
<25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	0%
25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	50%
50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	100%
75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	150%

Performance-based LTIP Unit grants prior to 2016 had a one-year performance period. Starting with 2016 grants, we switched to a three-year performance period, to provide better alignment with long-term stockholder return performance. Due to the transition, no performance periods for performance-based LTIP units ended in 2017; as a result, no performance-based LTIP Units vested in 2017.

**Service-Based LTIP Units (25%).** Vest in equal annual installments over a three-year period to promote retention and further alignment of our executives' interests with those of our stockholders.

The Committee reviewed peer group data relating to the allocation of long-term incentive equity awards between performance-based and service-based awards and determined that 75% performance-based was a higher percentage than the median mix between performance-based and service-based equity among the peer group, and therefore consistent with our emphasis on at risk compensation. For the performance-based component, the Committee considered the range of potential realizable values that our executives could earn to ensure that the awards would be

both reasonably competitive and appropriate to motivate our leadership team.

**2017 Total Compensation**

We are including this supplemental information to provide a more meaningful view of the compensation of our named executive officers for their performance during 2017. The table below shows each named executive officer's salary, annual long-term incentive equity award grant value, bonus for services performed in 2017 and all other compensation. This table, in contrast to the Summary Compensation Table on page 45 of this Proxy Statement, includes equity awards granted under our annual incentive award program in March 2018 for services

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performed in 2017 and excludes equity awards granted under our annual incentive award program in March 2017 for services performed in 2016.

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Annual Incentive Earned for 2017(1)</b>	<b>Long-Term Incentive Award Value(2)</b>	<b>All Other Compensation</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>
Arthur M. Coppola	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,766,000	\$ 8,999,943	\$ 219,745	\$ 11,985,688
Edward C. Coppola	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,316,800	\$ 3,599,901	\$ 186,597	\$ 5,903,298
Thomas E. O. Hern	\$ 600,000	\$ 794,700	\$ 1,999,972	\$ 71,588	\$ 3,466,260
Robert D. Perlmutter	\$ 600,000	\$ 794,700	\$ 1,999,972	\$ 62,327	\$ 3,456,999
Thomas J. Leanse	\$ 500,000	\$ 617,250	\$ 1,374,934	\$ 57,884	\$ 2,550,068

- (1) Earned annual incentives were awarded in the form of fully-vested LTIP Units on March 2, 2018, with the number of LTIP Units based on the closing price of our Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date.
- (2) These amounts represent the sum of the aggregate grant date fair value of performance-based LTIP Unit awards (75% of the aggregate grant value) and service-based LTIP Unit awards (25% of the aggregate grant value) granted in January 2017 to each of our named executive officers, the terms of which are described above. Had the performance period for the performance-based LTIP Unit awards ended on December 31, 2017, 60% of the target number of performance-based LTIP Units would have vested based on our 30<sup>th</sup> percentile relative TSR performance.

**Executive Benefits**

Certain of our named executive officers participate in our deferred compensation plan available to all Vice Presidents and above who earn more than \$120,000 annually. See the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table on page 55 of this Proxy Statement for more information. We also provide our named executive officers with life insurance, medical and disability insurance, and use of a private aircraft in which our Company owns a fractional interest, to allow them to devote more time to our business. Refer to footnote 6 to the Summary Compensation Table on page 45 of this Proxy Statement for additional detail.

**Offer Letter with Mr. O'Hern**

In connection with Thomas E. O'Hern's appointment to the role of Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2019, our Company entered into a letter agreement with Mr. O'Hern on April 26, 2018 that provides Mr. O'Hern with certain compensation and benefits during the period commencing April 26, 2018 and ending April 25, 2021 (the "Term"). During the Term, Mr. O'Hern's annual rate of base salary will be \$800,000 and his target annual bonus will equal 200% of his annual rate of base salary. With respect to Mr. O'Hern's fiscal year 2018 bonus, his bonus will reflect his base salary and target bonus in effect during the applicable portions of the fiscal year. In addition, with respect to the annual bonuses payable in respect of fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020, all or a portion of his annual bonus may be paid in cash, fully vested LTIP units, fully vested shares or a combination thereof as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, with such allocation subject to Mr. O'Hern's consent. Mr. O'Hern is also entitled to certain long-term incentive compensation, as follows: (1) for each calendar year of the Term, Mr. O'Hern will receive an annual equity grant in the form of LTIP units having a target grant date value of \$6,000,000 per year, which shall be allocated in the same proportion, and vest on the same terms, as annual grants made to other executive officers and (2) Mr. O'Hern will receive a one-time grant of fully vested LTIP units on April 26, 2018 with a grant date value of \$5,000,000, 50% of which will be subject to repayment if Mr. O'Hern is terminated for "cause" or resigns without "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the letter agreement) on or prior to April 25, 2019.

Mr. O'Hern will also continue to participate in the Severance Plan (as described below) during the Term. Upon a termination of Mr. O'Hern's employment without cause or his resignation with good reason (other than in a

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circumstance that would entitle him to severance benefits under the Severance Plan) during the Term, Mr. O'Hern would be entitled to receive: (a) a prorated annual bonus for the year of termination, based on actual performance, (b) an amount equal to (i) the sum of his base salary and the average of the three annual incentive bonuses awarded to him in respect of his service as Chief Executive Officer the immediately preceding three years (or, if such termination occurs before the fiscal year 2018 bonus is payable, his target annual bonus, or, if one or two such bonuses have been awarded, the average of such bonuses) multiplied by (ii) the quotient of the number of days between his termination date and April 25, 2021, divided by 365, (c) a lump sum cash payment equal to the monthly COBRA continuation rate multiplied by 36, and (d) outplacement services for 12 months pursuant to our outplacement services for senior executives.

**Severance Benefits**

On November 2, 2017, we adopted The Macerich Company Change in Control Severance Pay Plan for Senior Executives, which we refer to as the Severance Plan, which covers all of our named executive officers who are not party to an individual agreement with us that provides for greater severance payments and benefits in the aggregate. The Severance Plan provides specified payments and benefits in connection with a qualifying termination of employment following a change in control (as defined in the Severance Plan). In addition, we entered into a management continuity agreement with Mr. Leanse in connection with his hire, which provided for certain payments and benefits upon a change in control and upon a qualifying termination following a change in control. Our goal in providing severance and change in control payments and benefits is to offer sufficient cash continuity protection such that our named executive officers will focus their full time and attention on the requirements of the business rather than potential implications for their respective positions. We prefer to have certainty regarding the potential severance amounts payable to our named executive officers following a change in control, rather than negotiating severance at the time that a named executive officer's employment with us terminates. We have also determined that accelerated vesting provisions with respect to equity awards in connection with a change in control of our Company are appropriate because they encourage our named executive officers to stay focused on the business in those circumstances, rather than focusing on the potential implications for them personally. For a description of our severance and change in control agreements with certain of our named executive officers, see Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control below.

**Compensation Governance Policies****Stock Ownership Policies**

Our Board believes that our directors and executive officers should have a meaningful investment in our Common Stock in order to more closely align their interests with those of our stockholders. Accordingly, our Board has established stock ownership policies for executives and non-employee directors.

***Executive Stock Ownership Requirements.*** Executives must own Company Common Stock or any class of our equity securities or units of our Operating Partnership with a value equal to at least the following multiples of their respective base salaries.

**Position****Ownership Requirement as****Multiple of Base Salary**

Chief Executive Officer

6x

Other Named Executive Officers

3x

***Non-Employee Director Stock Ownership Requirements.*** Non-employee directors must own Common Stock or any class of our equity securities with a value equal to at least five times the annual cash retainer for Board service.

Until the required ownership level is achieved, executives and non-employee directors subject to the guidelines must retain at least 50% of net-after-tax profit shares from equity compensation awards. Net-after-tax profit shares are shares from vesting of equity grants and/or shares received upon exercise of stock options, net of

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shares tendered or withheld for payment of the exercise price and net of taxes. This retention requirement will also apply if an executive or director becomes non-compliant due to a reduction in stock price.

These policies also set forth the forms of equity interests in our Company which count toward stock ownership (any pledged securities do not count) and allow our Board to approve exceptions from time to time for this stock ownership policy. Our policy further provides that a non-employee director who is prohibited by law or by the regulations of his or her employer from having an ownership interest in our Company's securities shall be exempt. Refer to our Guidelines on Corporate Governance, which are posted on our website. All of our directors and named executive officers that are subject to these stock ownership policies are in compliance with them.

## **Clawback Policy**

We have a clawback policy that allows us to recover cash and equity incentive compensation paid to our executive officers if the compensation was based on achieving financial results that were subsequently restated and the amount of the executive officer's incentive compensation would have been lower had the financial results been properly reported.

## **Anti-Hedging/Anti-Pledging Policy**

We have a policy prohibiting all of our directors, officers and employees from engaging in any hedging or monetization transactions that are designed to hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of our securities. This policy also prohibits short sales and the purchase and sale of publicly traded options of our Company. In addition, we have a policy (a) prohibiting all our directors and executive officers from pledging our securities if they are unable to meet our stock ownership requirements without reference to such pledged shares and (b) recommending that our directors and executive officers not pledge our securities. Currently, no shares of our Company are pledged by our directors and executive officers.

## **Accounting and Tax Issues**

The Committee considers both the accounting and tax issues raised by the various compensation elements for our Company and our executives.

***LTIP Units.*** As described on pages 51-52 of this Proxy Statement, LTIP Units of our Operating Partnership are intended to qualify as "profits interests" for federal income tax purposes and as such initially do not have full parity, on a per unit basis, with our common OP Units with respect to liquidating distributions. Such parity can be achieved over time through priority allocations of "book-up gains" attributable to appreciation of the Operating Partnership's assets. LTIP Units, regardless of when they were issued, are eligible to share in allocable "book-up gains" since the most recent book-up or book-down of the limited partners' capital accounts.

***Tax Deductibility of Compensation Expense.*** Prior to December 22, 2017, when the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) was signed into law, Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally disallowed a tax deduction to publicly held companies for compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1 million per officer in any year that did not qualify as performance-based. In connection with fiscal 2017 compensation decisions, the Committee considered the potential tax deductibility of executive compensation under Section 162(m) and sought to qualify certain elements of these applicable executives' compensation as performance-based while also delivering competitive levels and forms of compensation.



Under the TCJA, the performance-based exception has been repealed and the \$1 million deduction limit now applies to anyone serving as the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer at any time during the taxable year and the top three other highest compensated executive officers serving at fiscal yearend. Additionally, any executive subject to the limit in one year will be subject to the limit in future years, even if the executive would otherwise have been subject to the limit for the future year. The new rules generally apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, but do not apply to remuneration provided pursuant to a written binding contract in effect on November 2, 2017 that is not modified in any material respect after that date.

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Because of ambiguities and uncertainties as to the application and interpretation of Section 162(m) and the regulations issued thereunder, including the uncertain scope of the transition relief under the legislation repealing Section 162(m) s exception to the deduction limit for performance-based compensation, no assurance can be given that compensation intended to satisfy the requirements for exception from the Section 162(m) deduction limit will, in fact, satisfy the exception. The Committee reserves the right to grant or pay compensation that is not deductible as a result of Section 162(m), as well as the right to modify compensation that was initially intended to be exempt from Section 162(m) if it determines that such modifications are consistent with the our Company s business needs.

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The following table and accompanying notes show for our named executive officers as of December 31, 2017, the aggregate compensation paid, awarded or earned with respect to such persons in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

**Summary Compensation Table Fiscal Years 2015-2017**

Name and					Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred		
Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus (\$)(2)(3)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)(3)(4)	Earnings Compensation (\$)(5)	All Other Compensation (\$)(6)	Total (\$)
Arthur M. Coppola Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer	2017	1,000,000		11,614,879		219,745	12,834,624
	2016	1,000,000		12,299,899		238,012	13,537,911
	2015	1,000,000		11,999,938		200,767	13,200,705
Edward C. Coppola President	2017	800,000		5,711,901		186,597	6,698,498
	2016	800,000		6,239,875		139,183	7,179,058
	2015	800,000		5,399,859		126,080	6,325,939
Thomas E. O. Hern Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	2017	600,000		3,187,914		71,588	3,859,502
	2016	600,000		3,361,110		73,097	4,034,207
	2015	550,000		2,549,796		69,256	3,169,052
Robert D. Perlmutter Former Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2017	600,000		3,187,914		62,327	3,850,241
	2016	600,000		2,737,465		63,197	3,400,662
	2015	500,000		2,199,907		57,330	2,757,237
Thomas J. Leanse Former Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary	2017	500,000		2,270,900		57,884	2,828,784
	2016	500,000		2,612,448		45,637	3,158,085
	2015	500,000		2,449,808		45,229	2,995,037

(1) Includes any amount of salary deferred under our qualified and nonqualified deferred compensation plans. See Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table below for more information.

*(2) SEC Reporting of Cash and Equity Awards*

In reviewing the Summary Compensation Table, it is important to note that under SEC rules, cash incentive awards are reported in the table for the year that they are earned regardless of when they are paid, while equity awards are reported in the table for the year that they are granted (as determined in accordance with applicable accounting rules)

regardless of when they are earned.

*(3) Annual Incentive Reported in Year 2017*

As described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above, the annual incentive compensation awards for our named executive officers for their 2017 performances were paid in the form of fully-vested LTIP Units on March 2, 2018. Accordingly, the LTIP Unit bonuses granted to these named executive officers for their 2017 performance will be reported in the Stock Awards column for 2018.

*Annual Incentive Reported in Year 2016*

The annual incentive compensation awards for our named executive officers for their 2016 performances were paid in the form of fully-vested LTIP Units on March 3, 2017, and were previously described in the

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Compensation Discussion and Analysis of our proxy statement filed on April 18, 2017. In accordance with SEC rules, the LTIP Unit bonuses granted to these named executive officers for their 2016 performance are reported in the **Stock Awards** column for 2017. See also footnote (4) below.

*Annual Incentive Reported in Year 2015*

The annual incentive compensation awards for our named executive officers for their 2015 performance were paid in the form of fully-vested LTIP Units on March 4, 2016 and were previously described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis of our proxy statement filed on April 15, 2016. In accordance with SEC rules, the LTIP Unit bonuses granted to these named executive officers for their 2015 performance are reported in the **Stock Awards** column for 2016. See also footnote (4) below.

*(4) Stock Awards Reported in Year 2017*

The amounts reflected in this column for 2017 relate to performance-based LTIP Units, service-based LTIP Units and fully-vested LTIP Units granted in 2017 under our LTIP and 2003 Incentive Plan. These amounts represent the value at the grant date computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, disregarding for this purpose the estimate of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions.

- a. *Performance-Based LTIP Units.* The aggregate grant date fair values for performance-based LTIP Unit awards based upon the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the grant date were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$6,749,994
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$2,699,950
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$1,499,983
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$1,499,983
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$1,031,218

The maximum aggregate values for performance-based LTIP Unit awards at the grant date assuming that the highest level of performance conditions would be achieved were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$10,141,454
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$4,056,511
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$2,253,633
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$2,253,633
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$1,549,342

- b. *Service-Based LTIP Units.* The grant date fair values for service-based LTIP Unit awards were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$2,249,949
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$899,951

<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$499,989
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$499,989
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$343,716

- c. *Fully-Vested LTIP Units.* The grant date fair values for fully-vested LTIP Unit awards, which represent each named executive officer's annual incentive award earned for 2016 performance, were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$2,614,936
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$2,112,000
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$1,187,942
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$1,187,942
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$895,966

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Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are set forth in footnote 19 to our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018.

*Stock Awards Reported in Year 2016*

The amounts reflected in this column for 2016 relate to performance-based LTIP Units, service-based LTIP Units and fully-vested LTIP Units granted in 2016 under our LTIP and 2003 Incentive Plan. These amounts represent the value at the grant date computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, disregarding for this purpose the estimate of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions.

- a. *Performance-Based LTIP Units.* The aggregate grant date fair values for the performance-based LTIP Unit awards based upon the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the grant date were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$6,749,992
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$2,699,965
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$1,499,945
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$1,124,999
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$1,031,209

The maximum aggregate values for the performance-based LTIP Unit awards at the grant date assuming that the highest level of performance conditions would be achieved were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$10,214,870
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$4,085,890
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$2,269,890
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$1,702,478
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$1,560,545

- b. *Service-Based LTIP Units.* The grant date fair values for service-based LTIP Unit awards were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$2,249,960
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$899,936
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$499,955
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$374,966
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$343,739

- c. *Fully-Vested LTIP Units.* The grant date fair values for fully-vested LTIP Unit awards, which represent each named executive officer's annual incentive award earned for 2015 performance, were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$3,299,947
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$2,639,974
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$1,361,210
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$1,237,500
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$1,237,500

Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are set forth in footnote 18 to our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 24, 2017.

*Stock Awards Reported in Year 2015*

The amounts reflected in this column for 2015 relate to two types of performance-based LTIP Units, service-based LTIP Units and fully-vested LTIP Units granted in 2015 under our LTIP and 2003 Incentive



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Plan. These amounts represent the value at the grant date computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, disregarding for this purpose the estimate of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions.

- a. *Performance-Based LTIP Units.* The aggregate grant date fair values for the two types of performance-based LTIP Unit awards based upon the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the grant date were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$6,749,961
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$2,249,944
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$937,409
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$749,982
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$937,409

The maximum aggregate values for the two types of performance-based LTIP Unit awards at the grant date assuming that the highest level of performance conditions would be achieved were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$12,724,446
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$4,241,399
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$1,767,124
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$1,413,800
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$1,767,124

- b. *Service-Based LTIP Units.* The grant date fair values for service-based LTIP Unit awards were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$2,249,985
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$749,939
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$312,454
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$249,980
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$312,454

- c. *Fully-Vested LTIP Units.* The grant date fair values for fully-vested LTIP Unit awards, which represent each named executive officer's annual incentive award earned for 2014 performance, were as follows:

<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>	\$2,999,992
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	\$2,399,976
<b>Thomas E. O Hern</b>	\$1,299,933
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	\$1,199,945
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	\$1,199,945

Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are set forth in footnote 18 to our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on

February 23, 2016.

- (5) None of the earnings on the deferred compensation of our named executive officers for 2017 were considered above-market or preferential as determined under SEC rules.

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(6) All Other Compensation includes the following components for 2017:

	<b>Matching Contributions under 401(k) Plan \$</b>	<b>Matching Contributions under Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan \$</b>	<b>Life Insurance Premiums \$</b>	<b>Other Welfare Benefit Premiums \$</b>	<b>Use of Private Aircraft \$</b>
<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>			3,727	29,098	186,920
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>	10,800		2,973	29,098	143,726
<b>Thomas E. O'Hern</b>	10,800	30,000	1,690	29,098	
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>	10,800	30,000	1,007	20,520	
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>	10,800	25,000	1,564	20,520	

*Matching Contributions.* Amounts shown include matching deferred compensation contributions by our Company as determined by our Board of Directors annually under our nonqualified deferred compensation plan and matching contributions by our Company under our 401(k) Plan. The amount of the matching contributions under these plans is determined in the same manner for all plan participants. See the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table below.

*Other Welfare Benefit Premiums.* Amounts shown reflect the premiums paid by our Company for medical and disability insurance.

*Private Aircraft Use.* Amounts shown reflect the incremental cost to our Company of such executive's personal use of a private aircraft in which our Company owns a fractional interest. The incremental cost is determined by using the amount our Company is billed for such use less the portion reimbursed by the executives and such amount may include: landing fees, parking and flight planning expenses; crew travel expenses; supplies and catering; aircraft fuel and oil expenses; maintenance, parts and external labor (inspections and repairs); engine insurance expenses; position flight costs; and passenger ground transportation. Since the aircraft is used primarily for business travel, our Company does not include the fixed costs that do not change based on usage, such as management fees and acquisition costs.

**Table of Contents****Grants of Plan-Based Awards Fiscal 2017**

The following table provides information regarding performance-based LTIP Units, service-based LTIP Units and fully-vested LTIP Units granted to our named executive officers in 2017.

Name	Grant Date	Approval Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(4)
			Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)		
Arthur M. Coppola	1/1/2017	12/14/2016	47,672	95,487	143,160		6,749,994
	1/1/2017	12/14/2016				31,761(2)	2,249,949
	3/3/2017	3/3/2017				39,281(3)	2,614,936
Edward C. Coppola	1/1/2017	12/14/2016	19,068	38,194	57,263		2,699,950
	1/1/2017	12/14/2016				12,704(2)	899,951
	3/3/2017	3/3/2017				31,726(3)	2,112,000
Thomas E. O'Hern	1/1/2017	12/14/2016	10,593	21,219	31,813		1,499,983
	1/1/2017	12/14/2016				7,058(2)	499,989
	3/3/2017	3/3/2017				17,845(3)	1,187,942
Robert D. Perlmutter	1/1/2017	12/14/2016	10,593	21,219	31,813		1,499,983
	1/1/2017	12/14/2016				7,058(2)	499,989
	3/3/2017	3/3/2017				17,845(3)	1,187,942
Thomas J. Leanse	1/1/2017	12/14/2016	7,283	14,587	21,871		1,031,218
	1/1/2017	12/14/2016				4,852(2)	343,716
	3/3/2017	3/3/2017				13,459(3)	895,966

(1) Represents awards of performance-based LTIP Units granted under our LTIP and 2003 Incentive Plan as more fully described on pages 51-52 of this Proxy Statement. Performance will be measured on a cumulative basis at the end of the three-year performance period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. The number of LTIP Units reported under the Threshold (#) subcolumn represents the number of LTIP Units that would be awarded if our performance relative to our Equity Peer REITs was at the 25th percentile, which represents the minimum percentile rank that would entitle recipients to awards under the LTIP. The number of LTIP Units reported under the Target (#) subcolumn represents the number of LTIP Units that would be awarded if our performance relative to our Equity Peer REITs was at the 50th percentile. The number of LTIP Units reported under the Maximum (#) subcolumn represents the number of LTIP Units that would be awarded if our performance relative to our Equity Peer REITs was at or above the 75th percentile.

(2) Represents awards of service-based LTIP Units granted under our LTIP and 2003 Incentive Plan as more fully described on pages 51-52 of this Proxy Statement.

- (3) Represents awards of fully-vested LTIP Units granted under our LTIP and 2003 Incentive Plan. These awards represent each executive's bonus under our annual incentive compensation program for 2016 performance and were previously described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis of our proxy statement filed on April 18, 2017.
  
- (4) The amounts reflected in this column represent the grant date fair value of these awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 as described in note (4) to the Summary Compensation Table above. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are set forth in footnote 19 to our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018.

**Table of Contents****Discussion of Summary Compensation and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table**

Our executive compensation policies and practices, pursuant to which the compensation set forth in the Summary Compensation Table and the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table was paid, awarded or earned, are generally described under Compensation Discussion and Analysis and in the footnotes to the compensation tables. The material terms of our LTIP, pursuant to which LTIP Units are granted, are described below. For a description of our severance and change of control agreements with certain of our named executive officers, see Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control below.

**LTIP Unit Awards**

LTIP Units of our Operating Partnership are structured to qualify as profits interests for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, LTIP Units initially do not have full parity, on a per unit basis, with our Operating Partnership's common OP Units with respect to liquidating distributions. Upon the occurrence of specified events, the LTIP Units can over time achieve full parity with the common OP Units, at which time LTIP Units are convertible, subject to the satisfaction of applicable vesting conditions, on a one-for-one basis into common OP Units. LTIP Units that have been converted into common OP Units and have become vested are redeemable by the holder for shares of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at our Company's election. LTIP Units generally may be subject to performance-based vesting or service-based vesting.

**2017 Performance-Based and Service-Based LTIP Units.** Our named executive officers were granted LTIP Units effective January 1, 2017, with 75% of the total award consisting of performance-based LTIP Units and 25% consisting of service-based LTIP Units. Service-based awards were granted in 2017 to support the long-term retention of our executives.

a. **Performance-Based LTIP Units.** Performance-based awards were granted in 2017 to encourage executives to a longer-term perspective and to reward them for creating stockholder value in a pay-for-performance structure. The 2017 performance-based LTIP Units are subject to performance-based vesting over the three-year period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, with the number of LTIP Units vesting, if any, depending on our relative total stockholder return over the performance period as described below. These LTIP Units are subject to forfeiture to the extent the applicable performance requirements are not achieved. Vesting of the LTIP Units is based on the percentile ranking of our total stockholder return per share of Common Stock relative to our Equity Peer REITs, as measured at the end of the performance period. Total stockholder return will be measured by the compounded total annual return per share achieved by the shares of common stock of our Company or such Equity Peer REIT and assumed reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

Depending on our total stockholder return relative to the total stockholder return of our Equity Peer REITs, vesting of these LTIP Units will occur in accordance with the schedule below, with linear interpolation between performance levels. Determination of the vesting of our performance-based LTIP Units will occur earlier in the event of a change of control or qualified termination of employment (which generally includes a termination by our Company without cause or by the executive for good reason) based on our performance through the date of such event.

<b>Company Percentile Ranking Relative to the Equity Peer REITs</b>	<b>Percentage of Target LTIP Units That Vest*</b>
Below the 25 <sup>th</sup>	0%

At the 25 <sup>th</sup>	50%
At the 50 <sup>th</sup>	100%
At or above the 75 <sup>th</sup>	150%

\* Linear interpolation between performance levels.

Prior to the vesting of the 2017 performance-based LTIP Units, holders of the 2017 performance-based LTIP Units will be entitled to receive per unit distributions equal to 10% of the regular periodic distributions payable on a common OP Unit, but will not be entitled to receive any special distributions. Distributions on vested LTIP

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Units are equal in amount to the regular distributions paid on an equal number of common OP Units, which are equal in amount to the dividends paid on an equal number of shares of Common Stock.

b. *Service-Based LTIP Units.* Service-based awards were granted in 2017 to support the long-term retention of our executives. The 2017 service-based LTIP Units vest in equal annual installments over a three-year period. Vesting is conditioned upon the executive remaining an employee of our Company through the applicable vesting dates, and subject to acceleration of vesting in the event of a change of control of our Company or the executive's death or disability. Following the termination of the executive's service relationship with our Company under specified circumstances, including termination by our Company without cause, or by the executive for good reason, his service-based LTIP Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule.

Regular and other non-liquidating distributions were made with respect to the service-based LTIP Units from the date of their issuance to the executive. Distributions were in the same amount and at the same time as those made with respect to common OP Units. At the end of the vesting period, distributions will continue to be made only to the extent that the service-based LTIP Units have become vested.

***2018 Performance-Based and Service-Based LTIP Units.*** The Committee continued the LTIP program for 2018 and awarded LTIP Units to our named executive officers, with 75% of the total award consisting of performance-based LTIP Units and 25% consisting of service-based LTIP Units. The performance period for the 2018 performance-based LTIP Unit awards is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. For purposes of determining the vesting of the performance-based LTIP Units, the Equity Peer REITs will continue to be the peer group. The number of 2018 performance-based LTIP Units that will vest will depend solely on our relative TSR versus the peer group.





- (4) Based on a price of \$65.68 per unit, which was the closing price on the NYSE of one share of our Common Stock on December 29, 2017, the last trading day of 2017. Assumes that the value of LTIP Units on a per unit basis is equal to the per share value of our Common Stock.
- (5) Represents awards of performance-based LTIP Units granted on January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017 to our named executive officers under our LTIP and 2003 Incentive Plan. The number of LTIP Units reported in this table represents 60% of the target number of performance-based LTIP Units granted in 2017, which is based on our performance relative to our Equity Peer REITs during 2017 at the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile and 50% of the target number of performance-based LTIP Units granted in 2016, which is based on our performance relative to our Equity Peer REITs at the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile, which is the minimum percentile rank that would entitle recipients to awards under the LTIP. As discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above, none of the performance-based LTIP Units granted in 2016 and 60% of the target number of performance-based LTIP Units granted in 2017 would have been earned assuming the performance period ended on December 31, 2017 based on our relative TSR performance through such date.
- (6) The vesting of the 2016 performance-based LTIP Units will be measured on a cumulative basis at the end of the three-year performance period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 and the 2017 performance-based LTIP Units will be measured on a cumulative basis at the end of the three-year performance period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. Although these LTIP Units have not vested, for purposes of this table, it is assumed that one performance-based LTIP Unit represents the economic equivalent of one share of Common Stock. The market value is based upon the closing price of our Common Stock on the NYSE on December 29, 2017 (the last trading day of 2017) of \$65.68.

**Table of Contents****Option Exercises and Stock Vested Fiscal 2017**

The following table presents information regarding vesting of LTIP Units during 2017 that were previously granted to the named executive officers. None of the named executive officers exercised option awards during 2017.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)(2)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(2)
Arthur M. Coppola			68,155(3)	4,511,380
Edward C. Coppola			42,675(4)	2,831,130
Thomas E. O Hern			23,511(5)	1,560,085
Robert D. Perlmutter			22,745(6)	1,509,774
Thomas J. Leanse			17,745(7)	1,177,470

- (1) Represents the amounts realized based on the difference between the market price of our stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price.
- (2) This number represents (a) the vesting of service-based LTIP Units on December 29, 2017 and (b) the grant of fully-vested LTIP Units on March 3, 2017, representing the annual incentive compensation award for 2016 performance. An individual, upon the vesting of an equity award, does not receive cash equal to the amount contained in the Value Realized on Vesting column of this table. Instead, the amounts contained in the Value Realized on Vesting column reflect the market value of our Common Stock on the applicable vesting date. For purposes of this table, it is assumed one LTIP Unit represents the economic equivalent of one share of Common Stock. The LTIP Units do not realize their full economic value until certain conditions are met, as described on pages 51-52 of this Proxy Statement, and such conditions have been met for the 2015 and 2016 service-based LTIP Units included in this table.
- (3) This number represents (a) the vesting of 28,874 service-based LTIP Units and (b) the grant of 39,281 fully-vested LTIP Units, representing the annual incentive compensation award for 2016 performance.
- (4) This number represents (a) the vesting of 10,949 service-based LTIP Units and (b) the grant of 31,726 fully-vested LTIP Units, representing the annual incentive compensation award for 2016 performance.
- (5) This number represents (a) the vesting of 5,666 service-based LTIP Units and (b) the grant of 17,845 fully-vested LTIP Units, representing the annual incentive compensation award for 2016 performance.

- (6) This number represents (a) the vesting of 4,900 service-based LTIP Units and (b) the grant of 17,845 fully-vested LTIP Units, representing the annual incentive compensation award for 2016 performance.
  
- (7) This number represents (a) the vesting of 4,286 service-based LTIP Units and (b) the grant of 13,459 fully-vested LTIP Units, representing the annual incentive compensation award for 2016 performance.

**Table of Contents****Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Fiscal 2017**

Certain of our named executive officers participate or participated in our 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan for Senior Executives, which was amended and restated as our 2013 Deferred Compensation Plan, effective January 1, 2013, referred to as our Deferred Compensation Plan, which also includes certain amounts deferred prior to 2005 under a predecessor plan. The following table provides information with respect to our named executive officers for the Deferred Compensation Plan for the fiscal year 2017.

Name	Executive Contributions in 2017 (\$)(1)	Registrant Contributions in 2017 (\$)(2)	Aggregate Earnings in 2017 (\$)(3)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions during 2017 (\$)	Aggregate Balance at 12/31/17 (\$)(4)
Arthur M. Coppola					
Edward C. Coppola			71,429		500,533
Thomas E. O'Hern	120,000	30,000	486,682		2,885,066
Robert D. Perlmutter	120,000	30,000	52,474		1,152,476
Thomas J. Leanse	100,000	25,000	98,738		798,589

- (1) The amounts in this column are included in the Salary column of the Summary Compensation Table.
- (2) Our Company's contributions to the Deferred Compensation Plan are included in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table.
- (3) None of the earnings set forth in this column are considered above-market or preferential as determined under SEC rules, and, therefore, none of such amounts are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (4) The balances shown represent compensation already reported in the Summary Compensation Table in this and prior-year proxy statements, except for any earnings that were not above-market or preferential as determined under SEC rules.

**Description of Our Deferred Compensation Plan**

As of December 31, 2017, Messrs. E. Coppola, O'Hern, Perlmutter and Leanse had account balances under our Deferred Compensation Plan. Under the Deferred Compensation Plan, our key executives who satisfy certain eligibility requirements may make annual irrevocable elections to defer a specified portion of their base salary and bonus to be earned during the following calendar year. Deferral of amounts earned in 2017 by participants were limited to 85% of base salary and 85% of bonus. Our Company will credit an amount equal to the compensation deferred by a participant to that participant's deferral account under the Deferred Compensation Plan. In addition, our Company may credit matching amounts to an account established for each participant in an amount equal to a percentage, established by our Company in its sole discretion prior to the beginning of the plan year, of the amount of compensation deferred by each participant under the plan. For 2017, our Company matched 25% of the amount of

salary and bonus deferred by a participant up to a limit of 5% of the participant's total salary and bonus.

Account balances under the Deferred Compensation Plan will be credited with income, gains and losses based on the performance of investment funds selected by the participant from a list of funds designated by our Company. The amounts credited to participants' deferred accounts and Company matching accounts are at all times 100% vested. Participants will be eligible to receive distributions of the amounts credited to their accounts, at up to six different times that they may specify, in a lump sum or installments pursuant to elections made under the rules of the Deferred Compensation Plan. Changes to these elections under the plan may be made under limited circumstances. Under the Deferred Compensation Plan, key employees who have elected a payment at termination of employment must generally wait six months after termination, other than as a result of death, to receive a distribution. Our Company is contributing assets to a trust, which assets remain subject to the claims of our Company's general creditors, to provide a source of funds for payment of our Company's obligations under the Deferred Compensation Plan. Employees who are eligible to participate in the Deferred Compensation Plan may also be eligible for life insurance coverage in an amount equal to two times their annual salaries.

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**Table of Contents****Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control**

The following section describes potential payments and benefits to our named executive officers under our current compensation and benefit plans and arrangements had a termination of employment or a change of control of our Company occurred on December 31, 2017.

On November 2, 2017, we adopted the Change in Control Severance Pay Plan for Senior Executives (the Severance Plan ) which provides for the payment and benefits set forth below upon a qualifying termination of employment following a change in control. We also entered into a management continuity agreement with Mr. Leanse in connection with his hire.

In addition, our 2003 Incentive Plan contains provisions regarding the acceleration of vesting and modification of equity awards. The Compensation Committee is authorized to accelerate the vesting of and modify outstanding awards as well as authorize discretionary severance payments to our named executive officers upon termination. None of our named executive officers, other than Mr. O'Hern, has an employment agreement with our Company.

Regardless of the manner in which a named executive officer's employment terminates, he is entitled to receive all accrued, vested or earned but deferred compensation and benefits during his term of employment. The information below sets forth the additional payments and/or benefits to our named executive officers under the specified circumstances.

***Change in Control Severance Pay Plan for Senior Executives***

Under the Severance Plan, in the event that the employment of any of the named executive officers is terminated by us other than for cause (as defined in the Severance Plan) or due to the executive's death or total disability (as defined in the Severance Plan) or by the executive for good reason (as defined in the Severance Plan), in each case upon or within 24 months following a change in control, the named executive officer will be entitled to the following: (i) a lump sum payment equal to three times the sum of (A) the higher of the executive's annual base salary as of the date of termination or the date of the change in control and (B) the average annual incentive bonus award to the executive in respect of the immediately preceding three fiscal years, (ii) a pro-rated portion of the executive's target annual incentive bonus for the year of termination, payable in a lump sum, (iii) outplacement services pursuant to our Company's outplacement services plan for a period of 12 months following termination and (iv) a lump sum payment equal to the product of (A) the total amount of COBRA continuation monthly premium rate that would have otherwise been payable by the executive for COBRA continuation for medical, vision and dental coverage for the executive and his eligible dependents and (B) 36. The Severance Plan does not provide for an excise tax gross-up payment to any eligible participant. Instead, if any payment by our Company would subject an executive to the excise tax under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, such payments shall be reduced or the full amount of such payments shall be made, whichever leaves the executive in the best net after-tax position. Receipt of the payments and benefits set forth above is subject to the execution and effectiveness of a general release of claims in favor of our Company and its affiliates.

***Offer Letter with Mr. O'Hern***

Our Company entered into an offer letter with Mr. O'Hern on April 26, 2018 which provides for certain benefits upon a qualifying termination of employment, which are described above in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under Offer Letter with Mr. O'Hern.

***Management Continuity Agreement***

Our Company entered into a management continuity agreement with Mr. Leanse in connection with his hiring as our Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, effective January 1, 2013, which provided that if, within two years following a change of control (as defined in the management continuity agreement), his employment is terminated (i) by us for no reason or any reason other than for cause (as defined in the management continuity agreement) or by reason of death or disability (as defined in the management



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continuity agreement) or (ii) by Mr. Leanse for good reason (as defined in the management continuity agreement), he would have been entitled to receive an amount equal to three times the sum of (i) his base salary; and (ii) the amount of the cash and stock/unit portion of his annual incentive bonus awarded for performance for the fiscal year immediately preceding his termination date (including any supplemental or special cash and/or stock bonus awarded to him for the applicable year) or, if the annual incentive bonus had not yet been awarded for that fiscal year, the amount of his annual incentive bonus awarded for performance for the second fiscal year immediately preceding his termination date.

In addition, Mr. Leanse would have been entitled to receive all accrued obligations, including a pro rata share of his bonus amount for the year in which the termination occurred. We would also have generally continued welfare benefits for Mr. Leanse and his family at least equal to, and at the same after-tax cost to him and/or his family, as those that would have been provided to them in accordance with the plans, programs, practices and policies as in effect immediately prior to the change of control, generally until up to the third anniversary of the termination date (subject to earlier termination if the executive becomes eligible for health coverage under another employer's plans).

Upon a change of control, any shares of restricted stock, stock units or service-based LTIP Units held by Mr. Leanse that remained unvested would have immediately vested, any unvested stock options or SARs held by him would have vested in full and been immediately exercisable and any outstanding performance-based LTIP Units would have vested as provided in the applicable award agreement. See Discussion of Summary Compensation and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table LTIP Unit Awards. Any such stock options or SARs would have remained exercisable for a period at least until the first to occur of (1) the expiration of the full term of the option or SAR and (2) one year after the date on which the change of control occurs.

Mr. Leanse's management continuity agreement did not provide for an excise tax gross-up payment. Instead, if any payment by our Company would have subjected Mr. Leanse to an excise tax, the payments under his management continuity agreement would have been reduced if the selected accounting firm determined that he would have received greater net after tax aggregate payments if his payments under his management continuity agreement were so reduced.

Under the management continuity agreement, Mr. Leanse agreed to certain covenants, including confidentiality in perpetuity and non-solicitation of employees for two years after the termination date. Mr. Leanse retired from our Company effective February 28, 2018.

## **Treatment of Equity Awards Upon Termination or Change in Control**

### ***Upon a Termination of Employment by our Company for Cause***

If a named executive officer's employment is terminated with cause, the executive will forfeit all unvested equity awards as of the termination date.

### ***Upon a Termination of Employment by our Company Without Cause***

If a named executive officer's employment is terminated for any reason, other than (i) by death, disability, resignation or retirement of such officer or (ii) by termination with cause,

except as provided below, the executive's equity awards that have not vested as of such termination date will be forfeited,

the executive will have three months (or such other period in the Compensation Committee's discretion) from the termination date to exercise vested options and SARs, subject to specified limitations,

the executive's unvested performance-based LTIP Units will be eligible to vest based on performance through the executive's termination date (this will also occur if the executive terminates the executive's employment for good reason), and

the executive's unvested service-based LTIP Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule (this will also occur if the executive terminates the executive's employment for good reason).

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***Upon Resignation by the Named Executive Officer***

In the event of the resignation of a named executive officer,

the executive's equity awards that have not vested as of such termination date will be forfeited, and

the executive will have three months (or such other period in the Compensation Committee's discretion) from the termination date to exercise vested options and SARs, subject to specified limitations.

***Upon Retirement***

In the event of the retirement of a named executive officer,

under our current retirement policy and except as provided below, all outstanding equity awards will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule originally set forth in the executive's award agreement provided the named executive officer retires at age 55 or older, has at least five years of service with our Company and has not been directly or indirectly employed by a competitor at any time after the executive's retirement,

if a named executive officer does not meet the requirements for retirement under our current retirement policy, and the Compensation Committee does not otherwise provide,

the executive's equity awards that have not vested as of the executive's retirement date will be forfeited,

the executive will have 12 months from the executive's retirement date to exercise vested options and SARs, subject to specified limitations, and

the executive will forfeit all unvested performance-based and service-based LTIP Units, unless the Compensation Committee determines in its sole discretion to provide for vesting of some or all such LTIP Units.

***Upon Death or Disability***

In the event of death or disability of a named executive officer while employed,

the executive's benefits under our long-term disability plan or payments under our life insurance plan(s), as appropriate, will be distributed,

except as provided below, the executive's unvested equity awards will immediately vest,

the executive's unvested performance-based LTIP Units will be eligible to vest based on performance through the executive's date of death or disability, and

the executive's vested stock options or SARs may be exercised for 12 months after the date of the executive's disability or death.

**Termination/Change of Control Payments Table**

The following table provides the potential payments and benefits to the named executive officers, upon termination of employment or a change in control, assuming such event occurred on December 31, 2017. These numbers do not reflect the actual amounts that may be paid to such persons, which will only be known at the time that they become eligible for payment and will only be payable if the specified event occurs.

***Items Not Reflected in Table***

The following items are not reflected in the table set forth below:

Accrued salary, bonus, personal time and vacation.

Costs of COBRA or any other mandated governmental assistance program to former employees.

Welfare benefits, including life insurance, provided to all salaried employees.

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Amounts outstanding under our 401(k) plan or any deferred compensation plan. There are no special or enhanced benefits under these plans for our named executive officers, and all of such participating officers are fully vested in these plans. See Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table.

***Other Notes Applicable to the Table***

For the accelerated vesting of the unvested service-based LTIP Units, the table reflects the intrinsic value of such acceleration. The value for each unvested LTIP Unit is \$65.68, which represents the closing price of our Common Stock on the NYSE on December 29, 2017, the last trading day of 2017.

For the accelerated vesting of Mr. Lease's unvested stock options, the table reflects the intrinsic value of such acceleration. The value for each unvested stock option is the amount by which the closing price of our Common Stock on the NYSE on December 29, 2017 (\$65.68) exceeded the exercise price of the option (\$56.768).

Life insurance amounts only reflect policies paid for by our Company and in effect on December 31, 2017.

The table assumes that a disability is of a long-term nature, which triggers vesting of unvested equity awards and the accelerated vesting determination of any unvested performance-based LTIP Units.

Messrs. A. Coppola and E. Coppola also have death benefit coverage under a split-dollar life insurance policy. No premiums have been paid by our Company under this policy since July 30, 2002. At the time of their death, the total premiums our Company previously paid for the policies will be recovered and the remaining death benefits will be paid to their designated beneficiaries.

The Termination without cause and Change in Control/Termination rows in the following table include a termination by our Company without cause and a termination for good reason by the named executive officer.

The amounts shown are only estimates of the amounts that would be payable to the executives upon termination of employment and do not reflect tax positions we may take or the accounting treatment of such payments. Actual amounts to be paid can only be determined at the time of separation.

**Table of Contents****Termination/Change in Control Payments**

	<b>Cash Severance (\$)</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Benefits (\$)</b>	<b>Service-Based Awards (\$)</b>	<b>Life Insurance Proceeds (\$)</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
<b>Arthur M. Coppola</b>					
Termination with cause					
Termination without cause			2,001,204(2)		2,001,204
Resignation					
Retirement					
Death			2,001,204(3)	2,000,000	4,001,204
Disability		(1)	2,001,204(3)		2,001,204
Change in control			2,001,204(3)		2,001,204
Change in control/Termination	13,914,875	87,294(4)	2,001,204(3)		16,003,373
<b>Edward C. Coppola</b>					
Termination with cause					
Termination without cause			800,508(2)		800,508
Resignation					
Retirement					
Death			800,508(3)	1,600,000	2,400,508
Disability		(1)	800,508(3)		800,508
Change in control			800,508(3)		800,508
Change in control/Termination	11,151,950	87,294(4)	800,508(3)		12,039,752
<b>Thomas E. O. Hern</b>					
Termination with cause					
Termination without cause			444,785(2)		444,785
Resignation					
Retirement					
Death			444,785(3)	1,200,000	1,644,785
Disability		(1)	444,785(3)		444,785
Change in control			444,785(3)		444,785
Change in control/Termination	6,549,085	87,294(4)	444,785(3)		7,081,164
<b>Robert D. Perlmutter</b>					
Termination with cause					
Termination without cause			410,828(2)		410,828
Resignation					
Retirement					
Death			410,828(3)	1,200,000	1,610,828
Disability		(1)	410,828(3)		410,828
Change in control			410,828(3)		410,828
Change in control/Termination	6,325,387	61,560(4)	410,828(3)		6,797,775
<b>Thomas J. Leanse</b>					
Termination with cause					
Termination without cause			305,740(2)		305,740
Resignation					

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Retirement					
Death			305,740(5)	1,000,000	1,305,740
Disability	(1)		305,740(5)		305,740
Change in control			305,740(5)		305,740
Change in control/Termination	4,805,101	66,252(4)	305,740(5)		5,177,093

(1) Upon disability, the executive officer will generally receive up to \$25,000 monthly until his return to employment.

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- (2) Amount reflects the vesting of service-based LTIP Units. The executive officer's unvested service-based LTIP Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule upon a termination without cause or if the executive officer terminates his employment for good reason.
- (3) Amount represents the vesting of service-based LTIP Units.
- (4) Amount represents the estimated value of continuing welfare benefits for 36 months after December 31, 2017.
- (5) Amount represents the vesting of service-based LTIP Units and stock options.

**CEO Compensation Pay Ratio**

In August 2015, pursuant to a mandate of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act), the SEC adopted a rule requiring annual disclosure of the ratio of the median employee's annual total compensation to the total annual compensation of the CEO. We believe that executive pay should be internally consistent and equitable to motivate our employees to create stockholder value. The annual total compensation for 2017 for Mr. A. Coppola, our CEO, was \$12,834,624 as reported under the heading Summary Compensation Table. Our median employee's total compensation for 2017 was \$75,369. As a result, we estimate that Mr. A. Coppola's 2017 total compensation was approximately 170 times that of our median employee.

Our CEO to median employee pay ratio was calculated in accordance with Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K. We identified the median employee by examining 2017 total compensation consisting of base salary, annual bonus amounts, stock-based compensation (based on the grant date fair value of awards during 2017) and other incentive payments for all full-time, part-time, seasonal and hourly employees who were employed by our Company on December 31, 2017, other than our CEO. After identifying the median employee based on 2017 total compensation, we calculated annual total compensation for such employee using the same methodology we use for our named executive officers as set forth in the Total column in the Summary Compensation Table.

The pay ratio reported above is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with SEC rules, based on our internal records and the methodology described above. The SEC rules for identifying the median compensated employee allow companies to adopt a variety of methodologies, to apply certain exclusions and to make reasonable estimates and assumptions that reflect their employee populations and compensation practices. Accordingly, the pay ratio reported by other companies may not be comparable to the pay ratio reported above, as other companies have different employee populations and compensation practices and may use different methodologies, exclusions, estimates and assumptions in calculating their own pay ratios.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

Our Company currently maintains two equity compensation plans for the granting of equity awards to directors, officers and employees: our 2003 Incentive Plan and our Director Phantom Stock Plan. Our Company also maintains our Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). Except as described in footnote 4 to the table, each of these plans has been approved by our Company's stockholders.



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The following table sets forth, for each of our Company's equity compensation plans, the number of shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding awards, the weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, and the number of shares remaining available for future award grants as of December 31, 2017.

<b>Plan category</b>	<b>Number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights(1)</b>	<b>Number of shares of Common Stock remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding shares reflected in the first column)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	3,740,995(2)	\$ 53.96	6,626,785(3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders(4)	80,245		169,755(5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,821,240</b>	<b>\$ 53.96</b>	<b>6,796,540</b>

- (1) These weighted-average exercise prices do not reflect the shares that will be issued upon the payment of outstanding stock units, OP Units or LTIP Units.
- (2) Includes (a) 235,439 outstanding options and SARs with a weighted average exercise price of \$53.83 and a weighted average term to expiration of 0.24 years and (b) 151,355 unvested RSUs. Also includes 3,304,355 LTIP Units (of which 636,632 were unvested and 2,667,723 were vested) which may be redeemed for shares under our 2003 Incentive Plan, and 49,846 fully vested shares subject to stock units credited under our Director Phantom Stock Plan. This number of shares is presented before giving effect to the shares that will be purchased under our ESPP for the purchase period ending June 21, 2018.
- (3) Of these shares, 6,176,479 were available for options, SARs, restricted stock, stock units, stock bonuses, performance-based awards, dividend equivalent rights and OP Units or other units convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock under our 2003 Incentive Plan and 450,306 were available for issuance under our ESPP.
- (4) In February 2010, our Board of Directors approved an amendment to our Director Phantom Stock Plan to increase the number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to the plan. In accordance with applicable NYSE listing rules, this share increase was not required to be approved by our stockholders because the shares of Common Stock issued under the plan are issued solely in payment of deferred compensation in accordance with the terms of the plan.

- (5) These shares were available for the issuance of stock units under our Director Phantom Stock Plan. See Compensation of Non-Employee Directors on page 23 of this Proxy Statement for a description of our Director Phantom Stock Plan.

#### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Messrs. Hash and Soboroff and Ms. Stephen each served as a member of the Compensation Committee during 2017. No member of the Compensation Committee is a past or present officer or employee of our Company or had any relationship with us requiring disclosure under SEC rules requiring disclosure of certain transactions with related persons. In addition, none of our executive officers served as a director or a member of a compensation committee (or other committee serving an equivalent function) of any other entity, the executive officer of which served as a director or member of the Compensation Committee during 2017.

#### **Certain Transactions**

The following provides a description of certain relationships and related transactions between our executive officers or members of their immediate families and our Company or our subsidiaries and affiliates. All of these relationships and related transactions were approved or ratified by the Audit Committee in accordance with our Related Party Transaction Policies and Procedures.

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Macerich Management Company employs Mr. A. Coppola's son-in-law as a Senior Vice President of Leasing. He receives compensation commensurate with his level of experience and other employees having similar responsibilities, and based upon an annual review of his individual performance conducted in the same manner as for all employees. The total compensation and benefits paid to Mr. A. Coppola's son-in-law for 2017 did not exceed \$610,000 and he is not considered an officer under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

**Table of Contents****PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS**

The following table sets forth information as of the record date, March 23, 2018, with respect to the only persons known by our Company to own beneficially more than 5% of our outstanding shares of Common Stock, based solely upon Schedule 13G and Schedule 13D reports filed with the SEC, and the number of shares of Common Stock and OP Units beneficially owned by our directors and executive officers as a group. The number of shares of Common Stock and OP Units beneficially owned by each director is set forth in Information Regarding our Director Nominees Director Stock Ownership and the number of shares of Common Stock and OP Units beneficially owned by each named executive officer is set forth in Executive Officers Executive Officer Equity Ownership.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Ontario Teachers Pension Plan Board(1) 5650 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor Toronto, Ontario M2M 4H5, Canada	23,286,237	16.52%
The Vanguard Group, Inc.(2) 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355	22,382,637	15.88%
GIC Private Limited(3) 168 Robinson Road, #37-01 Capital Tower Singapore 068912	11,498,874	8.16%
BlackRock, Inc.(4) 55 East 52nd Street New York, New York 10055	11,422,384	8.10%
All directors and executive officers as a group (14 persons)(5) c/o The Macerich Company 401 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 700 Santa Monica, California 90401	5,399,964	3.71%

- (1) The Schedule 13D/A indicates that the reporting entity is a pension plan and has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 23,286,237 shares. The Schedule 13D/A indicates that 1700480 Ontario Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the reporting entity, may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to the 23,286,237 shares. The address for 1700480 Ontario Inc. is 20 Queen Street West, 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario 8M5H 3R4, Canada.
- (2) The Schedule 13G/A indicates that the reporting entity is a registered investment advisor and has sole voting power with respect to 319,806 shares, shared voting power with respect to 189,075 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 22,034,258 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 348,379 shares. The Schedule 13G/A indicates that Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company is the beneficial owner of 124,004 shares as the result of serving as investment manager of collective trust accounts and Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd. is the beneficial owner of 420,177 shares as a result of serving as investment manager of Australian investment offerings, and each entity is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the reporting entity. In addition, the number of shares reported as beneficially owned by The Vanguard Group, Inc. includes the 8,093,198 shares, representing 5.74%

of our outstanding shares of Common Stock, separately reported as beneficially owned by Vanguard Specialized Funds Vanguard REIT Index Fund on a Schedule 13G/A.

- (3) The Schedule 13G/A indicates that the reporting entity is a fund manager and has sole voting power with respect to 493,078 shares, shared voting power with respect to 123,419 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 493,078 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 123,419 shares as the result of managing shares on behalf of its two only clients, the Government of Singapore and the Monetary Authority of Singapore. The Schedule 13G/A indicates 10,882,377 shares, representing 7.72% of our outstanding shares of Common Stock, are owned beneficially by US Shops LLC. GIC Real Estate, Inc., as the result of serving as investment manager, has voting power and dispositive power with respect to such shares. GIC Real Estate, Inc. shares such powers with the reporting entity and GIC Real Estate Private Limited.

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- (4) The Schedule 13G/A indicates that the reporting entity is a parent holding company and has sole voting power with respect to 10,251,004 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 11,422,384 shares, reporting on behalf of the following subsidiaries: BlackRock Life Limited, BlackRock International Limited, BlackRock Advisors, LLC, BlackRock Capital Management, Inc., BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V., BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association, BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited, BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd., BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG, BlackRock Investment Management, LLC, BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited, BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited, BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A., BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited, BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited, BlackRock Fund Advisors, BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited, BlackRock (Singapore) Limited and BlackRock Fund Managers Ltd.
- (5) Includes options to purchase shares under our 2003 Incentive Plan which are currently exercisable or become exercisable before May 22, 2018 and certain LTIP Units. See the Notes to the tables on pages 6-8 and pages 25-26 of this Proxy Statement.

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE MATTERS**

The Audit Committee presently is comprised of Messrs. Hash (Chair) and Soboroff and Mses. Alford and Laing. Ms. Alford was appointed to the Audit Committee on March 29, 2018. The Audit Committee met eight times in 2017. The principal responsibilities of and functions to be performed by the Audit Committee are established by the Audit Committee charter. The Audit Committee and our Board of Directors amended and restated the Audit Committee charter in February 2017 and such charter complies with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the NYSE Rules. The Committee reviews and reassesses the adequacy of its charter annually. Our Board of Directors has determined that each Committee member is an independent director as defined by the New York Stock Exchange listing standards for audit committee members and meets the financial literacy requirements of the NYSE Rules. Our Board of Directors also has determined that Mr. Hash and Ms. Laing are audit committee financial experts as defined by the Exchange Act. (See The Board of Directors and its Committees Director Independence and Committee Charters. )

*The following Report of the Audit Committee shall not be deemed soliciting material or to be filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C or the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent our Company specifically requests that this Report be treated as soliciting material or specifically incorporates this Report by reference into a filing under either of such Acts. The Audit Committee members whose names appear on the Audit Committee Report were committee members during all of 2017.*

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of The Macerich Company, a Maryland corporation, assists our Board of Directors in performing its oversight responsibilities for our financial reporting process, audit process and internal controls, as more fully described in the Audit Committee s charter. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the systems of internal controls. Our independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing our financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In the performance of its oversight function, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed our audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 with management and with our independent registered public accounting firm. In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with our independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 1301, *Communications with Audit Committees*, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. The Committee has also received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from our independent registered public accounting firm required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accounting firm s communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm their independence from our Company.

Based on the review and discussions with management and our independent registered public accounting firm described above, the Audit Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 for filing with the SEC.

**The Audit Committee**

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Steven R. Hash, Chair

Diana M. Laing

Steven L. Soboroff

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### **Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, our Company was billed by KPMG LLP for services in the following categories:

**Audit Fees.** Fees for audit services totaled \$3,642,500 in 2017 and \$3,815,000 in 2016, including fees associated with the annual audit of our Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, audit of internal control over financial reporting, the performance of interim reviews of our quarterly unaudited financial information and review of our registration statement and offering documents.

**Audit-Related Fees.** No fees for audit-related services were paid to KPMG LLP in 2017 or 2016.

**Tax Fees.** No fees for tax services were paid to KPMG LLP in 2017 or 2016.

**All Other Fees.** All other fees consist of an annual license fee of \$2,000 in each of 2017 and 2016 for use of accounting research software.

Our Company has been advised by KPMG LLP that neither the firm, nor any member of the firm, has any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any capacity in our Company or its subsidiaries.

### **Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy**

Consistent with the SEC rules regarding independence, the Audit Committee has responsibility for appointing, setting compensation and overseeing the work of our independent registered public accounting firm. In recognition of this responsibility, the Audit Committee has established a policy to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee approves a list of services and related fees expected to be rendered during any fiscal-year period within each of four categories of service:

**Audit Services** include audit work performed on the financial statements, including audit of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as work that generally only our independent registered public accounting firm can reasonably be expected to provide, including work associated with registration statements under the Securities Act, periodic reports and other SEC documents, statutory or other financial audit work for subsidiaries and consultations surrounding the proper application of financial accounting and/or reporting standards.

**Audit-Related Services** include assurance and related services that are reasonably related to performance of an audit or traditionally performed by our independent registered public accounting firm, including due diligence or agreed-upon procedures related to mergers, acquisitions, dispositions or refinancings, special procedures required to meet certain financial, accounting or regulatory requirements and accounting, regulatory or disclosure consultations.

**Tax Services** include tax return preparation, tax planning and related tax services, tax advice, tax compliance, tax reporting, year-end estimated taxable income and distribution projections and tax due diligence for REIT compliance and other tax issues.

**Other Services** include those permissible non-audit services that do not fall within the above categories and are routine and recurring services that would not impair the independence of our accountants.

The Audit Committee pre-approves our independent registered public accounting firm's services within each category. In 2017, the Audit Committee pre-approved the retention of KPMG LLP to perform various audit and audit-related services for our Company as described above. For each proposed service, our independent registered public accounting firm is generally required to provide documentation at the time of approval to permit the Audit Committee to make a determination whether the provision of such services would impair our independent registered public accounting firm's independence. The fees are budgeted and the Audit Committee requires our independent registered public accounting firm and management to report actual fees versus the budget periodically throughout the year by category of service. During the year, circumstances may arise when it

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may become necessary to engage our independent registered public accounting firm for additional services not contemplated in the original pre-approval categories. In those instances, the Audit Committee requires specific pre-approval before engaging our independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members. The member to whom such authority is delegated must report any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

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**PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS OUR COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Audit Committee has appointed KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit our financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2018.

The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the independent registered public accounting firm. KPMG LLP has served as our independent registered public accounting firm continuously since 2010. In order to assure continuing external auditor independence, the Audit Committee periodically considers whether it is appropriate to adopt a policy of rotating the independent registered public accounting firm. Further, in conjunction with the mandated rotation of the independent registered public accounting firm's lead engagement partner, the Audit Committee and its Chairperson are directly involved in the selection of KPMG LLP's new lead engagement partner. Based on its most recent evaluation of KPMG LLP, the members of the Audit Committee believe that the continued retention of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm is in the best interests of our Company and its stockholders and has recommended that the stockholders ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018.

Although ratification by stockholders is not required by law, our Board has determined that it is desirable to request approval of this appointment by our stockholders. If our stockholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether to retain KPMG LLP, and may decide to retain the firm notwithstanding the vote. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may change the appointment at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of our Company. In addition, if KPMG LLP should decline to act or otherwise become incapable of acting, or if the appointment should be discontinued, the Audit Committee will appoint substitute independent public accountants. A representative of KPMG LLP will be present at our Annual Meeting, will be given the opportunity to make a statement if he or she so desires and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. PROXIES RECEIVED WILL BE VOTED FOR RATIFICATION UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY OTHERWISE IN THE PROXY.**

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**PROPOSAL 3: ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

We are providing our stockholders with the opportunity to cast a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to the SEC's executive compensation disclosure rules and set forth in this Proxy Statement (including in the compensation tables and the narrative discussion accompanying those tables as well as in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis).

As described more fully under the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section beginning on page 28 of this Proxy Statement, our executive compensation program is guided by the following philosophy and objectives:

Our objective is to closely align executive compensation with the creation of stockholder value, with a balanced focus on both short-term and long-term performance and a substantial emphasis on total stockholder return. We believe our executive compensation policies and practices appropriately align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders through a combination of base salary, annual incentive compensation awards and long-term incentive equity awards.

Our executive compensation program is designed to attract, retain and reward experienced, highly motivated executives who are capable of leading our Company effectively. The Compensation Committee believes strongly in linking compensation to performance, and has designed our compensation program to deliver total pay that is primarily linked to overall business results while also recognizing individual performance. The Compensation Committee utilizes a combination of cash and equity-based compensation to provide appropriate incentives for executives to achieve our business objectives as well as further align their interests with our stockholders and encourage their long-term commitment to our Company.

We urge our stockholders to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, which describes in more detail how our executive compensation policies and practices are designed to achieve our compensation objectives, as well as the Summary Compensation Table and related compensation tables and narrative discussion that accompanies the compensation tables which provide detailed information on the compensation of our named executive officers. The Compensation Committee and our Board believe that the policies and procedures described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis have enabled our Company to attract, motivate and retain highly skilled executives whose performance and contributions have contributed to our Company's success.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 14A of the Exchange Act (which was added by the Dodd-Frank Act) and the related rules of the SEC, our Board will request your non-binding, advisory vote on the following resolution at our Annual Meeting:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to our named executive officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K (which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the narrative discussion that accompanies the compensation tables), is hereby approved.

This proposal to approve the compensation paid to our named executive officers is advisory in nature and, therefore, not binding on our Company, our Board or our Compensation Committee and will not be construed as overruling a decision by, or creating or implying any additional duty for, our Company, our Board or our Compensation Committee. However, the Compensation Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and approving the compensation for our executive officers and reviewing our overall compensation structure and philosophy, values

input from our stockholders and will consider the result of the vote when making future compensation decisions for our named executive officers. At our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders held on June 1, 2017, our stockholders voted on, among other matters, a proposal regarding the frequency of holding a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers. A majority of the votes cast on the frequency proposal were cast in favor of holding a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation of our

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Company's named executive officers every year, which was consistent with the recommendation of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors considered the voting results with respect to the frequency proposal and other factors, and our Board determined that our Company's current policy is to hold a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers every year. It is expected that the next such vote will occur at our 2019 annual meeting of stockholders.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE SEC'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE RULES. PROXIES RECEIVED WILL BE VOTED FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY OTHERWISE IN THE PROXY.**

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### **ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

The cost of solicitation of Proxies for our Annual Meeting will be paid by our Company. Solicitation will be made primarily by mail, but our regular employees, without additional remuneration, may solicit Proxies by telephone, e-mail, facsimile and personal interviews. In addition, Innisfree M&A Incorporated will assist in the solicitation of Proxies and our Company anticipates a fee for proxy solicitation services of approximately \$20,000 plus out-of-pocket costs. We will also request persons, firms and corporations holding shares in their names or in the names of their nominees, which are beneficially owned by others, to send Proxy materials to and obtain Proxies from such beneficial owners. We will reimburse such holders for their reasonable expenses.

#### **Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominees**

For a stockholder to present a matter at our Annual Meeting other than pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, including nominations for persons for election to our Board of Directors, our Secretary must have received written notice thereof on or after March 3, 2018 and on or before 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on April 2, 2018 (60 to 90 days prior to the first anniversary of our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders) as specified in our Bylaws, and such notice must have satisfied the additional requirements set forth in our Bylaws.

For a stockholder to submit a proposal pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act for inclusion in our proxy statement and form of proxy for our annual meeting of stockholders in 2019, it must be received by our Company by January 18, 2019. Such a proposal must also comply with the requirements as to form and substance established by the SEC for such proposals. For an eligible stockholder or group of stockholders to nominate a director nominee for election at our 2019 annual meeting of stockholders pursuant to the proxy access provision of our Bylaws, such eligible stockholder or group of stockholders must comply with the then current advance notice requirements in our Bylaws and deliver the proposal to our principal executive offices on or after March 23, 2019 and on or before 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on April 22, 2019 (60 to 90 days prior to the first anniversary of our Annual Meeting) in order for such proposal to be considered timely. In addition, our Bylaws require the eligible stockholder or group of stockholders to update and supplement such information as of specified dates. Any such proposal should be mailed to: The Macerich Company, 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401, Attn: Secretary.

A stockholder otherwise desiring to bring a proposal before the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders (including generally any proposal relating to the nomination of a director to be elected to our Board of Directors) must comply with the then current advance notice and information requirements in our Bylaws and deliver the proposal to our principal executive offices on or after March 23, 2019 and on or before 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on April 22, 2019 (60 to 90 days prior to the first anniversary of our Annual Meeting) in order for such proposal to be considered timely. Any such proposal should be mailed to: The Macerich Company, 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401, Attn: Secretary. Copies of our charter and Bylaws may be obtained without charge by providing a written request to our Secretary at that address.

#### **Householding of Proxy Materials**

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (such as banks and brokers) to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements and annual reports with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single set of proxy materials addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as householding potentially means extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies.



A number of banks and brokers with account holders that are beneficial holders of our Company's Common Stock will be householding our Company's proxy materials. If you have received notice from your bank or broker that it will be householding communications to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive separate proxy materials, please notify your bank or broker, or contact

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Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., toll-free at 1-800-542-1061 or at Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., Attn: Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717. Our Company undertakes, upon oral or written request, to deliver promptly a second copy of our Company's proxy materials to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the document was delivered. Stockholders who currently receive multiple copies of the proxy materials at their address and would like to request householding of the communications should contact their bank or broker or The Macerich Company, Attn: Investor Relations, 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401.

**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the NYSE. Officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by the SEC's regulations to furnish our Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. To our knowledge, based solely on our review of the copies of such reports furnished to our Company during and with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were satisfied on a timely basis, with the exception of a failure to file a Form 5 by Mr. O'Hern to report one gift transaction of 1,063 shares of our Company's Common Stock.

**Other Matters**

Our Board of Directors does not know of any matter other than those described in this Proxy Statement which will be presented for action at our Annual Meeting. If other matters are presented, Proxies will be voted in accordance with the discretion of the Proxy holders.

**REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU OWN, YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT TO OUR COMPANY.**

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**Appendix I**

**RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES**

**Funds From Operations ( FFO )**

Our Company uses FFO in addition to net income to report our operating and financial results and considers FFO and FFO-diluted as supplemental measures for the real estate industry and a supplement to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( GAAP ) measures. The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ( NAREIT ) defines FFO as net income (loss) (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains (or losses) from extraordinary items and sales of depreciated operating properties, plus real estate related depreciation and amortization, impairment write-downs of real estate and write-downs of investments in an affiliate where the write-downs have been driven by a decrease in the value of real estate held by the affiliate and after adjustments for unconsolidated joint ventures. Adjustments for unconsolidated joint ventures are calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis. Our Company also presents FFO excluding early extinguishment of debt, net and costs related to unsolicited takeover offer.

FFO and FFO on a diluted basis are useful to investors in comparing operating and financial results between periods. This is especially true since FFO excludes real estate depreciation and amortization, as our Company believes real estate values fluctuate based on market conditions rather than depreciating in value ratably on a straight-line basis over time. Our Company believes that such a presentation also provides investors with a more meaningful measure of our operating results in comparison to the operating results of other REITs. Our Company believes that FFO excluding early extinguishment of debt, net and costs related to unsolicited takeover offer provides useful supplemental information regarding our Company s performance as it shows a more meaningful and consistent comparison of our Company s operating performance and allows investors to more easily compare our Company s results. Our Company believes that FFO on a diluted basis is a measure investors find most useful in measuring the dilutive impact of outstanding convertible securities.

Our Company believes that FFO does not represent cash flow from operations as defined by GAAP, should not be considered as an alternative to net income as defined by GAAP, and is not indicative of cash available to fund all cash flow needs. Our Company also cautions that FFO, as presented, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other real estate investment trusts.

Management compensates for the limitations of FFO by providing investors with financial statements prepared according to GAAP, along with this detailed discussion of FFO and a reconciliation of FFO and FFO-diluted to net income available to common stockholders. Management believes that to further understand our Company s performance, FFO should be compared with our Company s reported net income, as presented in our Company s consolidated financial statements. See our Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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The following reconciles net income attributable to our Company to FFO and FFO-diluted for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 (dollars and shares in thousands):

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net income attributable to our Company	\$ 146,130	\$ 516,995	\$ 487,562	\$ 1,499,042
Adjustments to reconcile net income attributable to our Company to FFO basic:				
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	10,729	37,780	32,615	105,584
Gain on sale or write down of consolidated assets, net	(42,446)	(415,348)	(378,248)	(73,440)
Gain on remeasurement of consolidated assets			(22,089)	(1,423,136)
Add: gain on undepreciated assets consolidated assets	1,564	3,717	1,326	1,396
Less: loss on write-down of non-real estate assets consolidated assets	(10,138)			
Add: noncontrolling interests share of gain (loss) on sale or write-down of assets consolidated assets	1,209	(1,662)	481	146
(Gain) loss on sale or write down of assets unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	(14,783)	189	(4,392)	1,237
Add: gain (loss) on sale of undepreciated assets unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	6,644	(2)	4,395	2,621
Depreciation and amortization on consolidated assets	335,431	348,488	464,472	378,716
Less: noncontrolling interests in depreciation and amortization consolidated assets	(15,126)	(15,023)	(14,962)	(20,700)
Depreciation and amortization unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	177,274	179,600	84,160	82,570
Less: depreciation on personal property	(13,610)	(12,430)	(13,052)	(11,282)
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders basic and diluted	582,878	642,304	642,268	542,754
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt, net consolidated assets		(1,709)	(1,487)	9,551
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders excluding extinguishment of debt, net diluted	582,878	640,595	640,781	552,305
Costs related to unsolicited takeover offer			25,204	
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders excluding extinguishment of debt, net and costs related to unsolicited takeover offer diluted	\$ 582,878	\$ 640,595	\$ 665,985	\$ 552,305
Weighted average number of FFO shares outstanding for:				
FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit holders basic(2)	152,293	157,320	168,478	153,224
Adjustments for the impact of dilutive securities in computing FFO diluted:				
Share and unit-based compensation plans	36	112	144	147

FFO attributable to common stockholders and unit  
holders  
diluted(3)

152,329	157,432	168,622	153,371
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- (1) Unconsolidated assets are presented at our Company's pro rata share.
- (2) Calculated based upon basic net income as adjusted to reach basic FFO. During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014, there were 10.4 million, 10.7 million, 10.6 million and 10.1 million OP Units outstanding, respectively.

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- (3) The computation of FFO-diluted shares outstanding includes the effect of share and unit-based compensation plans and the senior notes using the treasury stock method. It also assumes the conversion of MACWH, LP common and preferred units to the extent that they are dilutive to the FFO-diluted computation.

The following reconciles net income per share attributable to common stockholders-diluted to FFO per share-diluted for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014:

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net income per share attributable to common stockholders diluted	\$ 1.02	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.08	\$ 10.45
Per share impact of depreciation and amortization of real estate	3.19	3.18	3.09	2.81
Per share impact of gain on remeasurement, sale or write down of assets, net	(0.38)	(2.62)	(2.36)	(9.72)
FFO per share diluted	3.83	4.08	3.81	3.54
Per share impact of (gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt, net		(0.01)	(0.01)	0.06
Per share impact of costs related to unsolicited takeover offer			0.15	
FFO per share excluding early extinguishment of debt, net and costs related to unsolicited takeover offer diluted	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.07	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.60

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**Adjusted EBITDA, Net Operating Income ( NOI ) and NOI Same Centers**

Adjusted EBITDA represents earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation, amortization, noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership, extraordinary items, loss (gain) on remeasurement, sale or write down of assets, loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt and preferred dividends and includes joint ventures at their pro rata share. Management considers Adjusted EBITDA to be an appropriate supplemental measure to net income because it helps investors understand the ability of our Company to incur and service debt and make capital expenditures. Our Company believes that Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an alternative to operating income as an indicator of our Company's operating performance, or to cash flows from operating activities (as determined in accordance with GAAP) or as a measure of liquidity. Our Company also cautions that Adjusted EBITDA, as presented, may not be comparable to similarly titled measurements reported by other companies.

Our Company presents Same Center NOI because we believe it is useful for investors to evaluate the operating performance of comparable centers. Same Center NOI is calculated using total Adjusted EBITDA and eliminating the impact of the management companies' revenues and operating expenses, our general and administrative expenses, costs related to unsolicited takeover offer and the straight-line and above/below market adjustments to minimum rents and subtracting out NOI from Non-Same Centers.

The changes in Same Center NOI is calculated by dividing the change in NOI year-over-year by the preceding period's NOI based on the Same Center population for the year most recently presented. For purposes of the comparison, our Company defines Same Centers as those Centers that are substantially complete and in operation for the entirety of both periods of the comparison. Non-Same Centers for comparison purposes, include those Centers or properties that are going through a substantial redevelopment, those properties that have recently transitioned to or from equity method joint ventures to consolidated assets, properties recently acquired and properties that have been disposed of. Our Company moves a Center in and out of Same Centers based on whether the Center is substantially complete and in operation for the entirety of both periods of the comparison. Accordingly, the adjustments reflect movement of Centers in and out of Same Centers for periods of comparison.

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The following reconciles net income attributable to our Company to Adjusted EBITDA, NOI and NOI Same Centers for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands).

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net income attributable to our Company	\$ 146,130	\$ 516,995	\$ 487,562	\$ 1,499,042
Interest expense	263,382	251,618	242,126	241,400
Depreciation and amortization	497,579	513,065	533,670	440,586
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	10,729	37,780	32,615	105,584
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt, net		(1,709)	(1,487)	9,551
Gain on remeasurement, sale or write down of assets, net	(56,020)	(416,821)	(404,248)	(1,495,193)
Income tax expense (benefit)	15,594	722	(3,223)	(4,269)
Distributions on preferred units	387	575	1,174	710
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>877,781</b>	<b>902,225</b>	<b>888,189</b>	<b>797,411</b>
REIT general and administrative expenses	28,240	28,217	29,870	29,412
Costs related to unsolicited takeover offer			25,204	
Management Companies revenues	(43,394)	(39,464)	(26,254)	(33,981)
Management Companies operating expenses	100,121	98,323	92,340	88,424
Straight-line and above/below market adjustments	(29,531)	(38,309)	(27,950)	(18,357)
<b>NOI All Centers</b>	<b>933,217</b>	<b>950,992</b>	<b>981,399</b>	<b>862,909</b>
NOI of Non-Same Centers	(57,606)	(91,150)	(81,708)	(93,826)
<b>NOI Same Centers</b>	<b>\$ 875,611</b>	<b>\$ 859,842</b>	<b>\$ 899,691</b>	<b>\$ 769,083</b>

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net income attributable to our Company	\$ 516,995	\$ 487,562	\$ 1,499,042	\$ 420,090
Interest expense	251,618	242,126	241,400	269,542
Depreciation and amortization	513,065	533,670	440,586	441,363
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	37,780	32,615	105,584	29,637
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt, net	(1,709)	(1,487)	9,551	(3,036)
Gain on remeasurement, sale or write down of assets, net	(416,821)	(404,248)	(1,495,193)	(354,764)
Income tax expense (benefit)	722	(3,223)	(4,269)	(1,692)
Distributions on preferred units	575	1,174	710	735
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>902,225</b>	<b>888,189</b>	<b>797,411</b>	<b>801,875</b>
REIT general and administrative expenses	28,217	29,870	29,412	27,772
Costs related to unsolicited takeover offer		25,204		
Management Companies revenues	(39,464)	(26,254)	(33,981)	(40,192)
Management Companies operating expenses	98,323	92,340	88,424	93,461
Straight-line and above/below market adjustments	(38,309)	(27,950)	(18,357)	(16,780)
<b>NOI All Centers</b>	<b>950,992</b>	<b>981,399</b>	<b>862,909</b>	<b>866,136</b>



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NOI of Non-Same Centers	(98,657)	(162,204)	(17,982)	(128,353)
NOI Same Centers	\$ 852,335	\$ 819,195	\$ 844,927	\$ 737,783
NOI Same Centers Percentage Change	2.73%	4.96%	6.48%	4.24%

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***THE MACERICH COMPANY***

***401 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 700***

***SANTA MONICA, CA 90401***

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1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

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Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it promptly in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

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**THE MACERICH  
COMPANY  
The Board of Directors**

**recommends you vote  
FOR the**

**following proposals:**

1. Election of  
Directors

**Nominees:            For    Against    Abstain**

- 1a. Peggy Alford

- 1b. John H.  
Alschuler

- 1c. Eric K. Brandt

- 1d. Edward C.  
Coppola

- 1e. Steven R. Hash

- 1f. Daniel J. Hirsch

- 1g. Diana M. Laing

- 1h. Thomas E.  
O'Hern

2. Ratification of the  
appointment of KPMG  
LLP as our independent  
registered public  
accounting firm for the  
year ending  
December 31, 2018.

3. Advisory vote to approve  
our named executive  
officer compensation as  
described in our Proxy  
Statement.

**For    Against    Abstain**

1i. Steven L.  
Soboroff

1j. Andrea M.  
Stephen

Proxies will be voted in the discretion of the persons named in this Proxy on any other matter that may properly come before the meeting or any postponement(s) or adjournments(s) thereof.

For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated.

Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting.

**Yes**   **No**

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other representative, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]Date

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:**

The Notice and Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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**THE MACERICH COMPANY**

**Proxy Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company for the Annual Meeting to be held on  
June 21, 2018**

The undersigned stockholder(s) of The Macerich Company, a Maryland corporation (the Company), hereby appoint(s) Ann C. Menard and Scott W. Kingsmore, and each of them, as Proxies for the undersigned, each with full power of substitution, to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at The Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, California on June 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. local time, and any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof, to cast on behalf of the undersigned all votes that the undersigned is entitled to cast at such meeting and otherwise to represent the undersigned at the meeting with all powers possessed by the undersigned if personally present at the meeting. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the accompanying Proxy Statement, the terms of each of which are incorporated herein by reference, and revokes any Proxy heretofore given with respect to such meeting or any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof.

**The votes entitled to be cast by the undersigned will be cast as instructed on the reverse side hereof. If this Proxy is executed but no instruction is given, the votes entitled to be cast by the undersigned will be cast FOR each of the nominees for director in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposals 2 and 3, each as described in the Proxy Statement. The votes entitled to be cast by the undersigned will be cast in the discretion of the Proxy holder on any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof.**

**Address Changes/Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

**Continued and to be signed on reverse side**