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Record Date

The Board of Directors has set March 24, 2008 as the record

Date for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Meeting Date and Location

The 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on

May 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Central time

at: The Ritz-Carlton Chicago
160 East Pearson Street at Water Tower Place

Chicago, IL 60611

For directions to The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, please

call the hotel directly at (312) 266-1000 or access the

hotel s web site at www.fourseasons.com/chicagorc.

Voting items

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE

FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2 AND 3.

1. Election of Directors: to elect eight (8) directors to terms expiring at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

Nominees:

- (01) Debra A. Cafaro
- (02) Douglas Crocker II
- (03) Ronald G. Geary
- (04) Jay M. Gellert
- (05) Robert D. Reed
- (06) Sheli Z. Rosenberg
- (07) James D. Shelton
- (08) Thomas C. Theobald

2. DIRECTORS PROPOSAL: to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2008.

3. DIRECTORS PROPOSAL: to approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the Board's ability to grant waivers from the constructive ownership limitations in Article X thereof relating to Ventas's status as a qualified real estate investment trust under U.S. federal income tax law.

