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Washington, D.C. 20549

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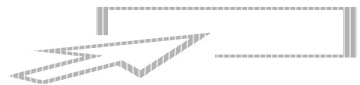


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## Shareholder Meeting Notice

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The 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Washington Real Estate Investment Trust will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time, virtually via the internet at [www.meetingcenter.io/266660104](http://www.meetingcenter.io/266660104)

To access the virtual meeting, you must have the information that is printed in the shaded bar located on the reverse side of this form.

The password for this meeting is WRE2020.

Important notice regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The materials are available at: [www.envisionreports.com/wre](http://www.envisionreports.com/wre)

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Trustees' recommendations.

The Board of Trustees unanimously recommends a vote **FOR** the listed trustee nominees and **FOR** Proposals 2 and 3:

1. Election of Directors:
  - 01 - Benjamin S. Butcher
  - 02 - William G. Byrnes
  - 03 - Edward S. Civera
  - 04 - Ellen M. Goitia
  - 05 - Paul T. McDermott
  - 06 - Thomas H. Nolan, Jr.
  - 07 - Vice Adm. Anthony L. Winns (RET.)
2. Non-binding advisory vote on compensation of named executive officers (say-on-pay)
3. Proposal to ratify appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for 2020

**PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE.** To vote your shares you must go online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you. To obtain directions to attend the meeting and vote in person, please see the proxy materials.



### Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select delivery preferences:

Current and future delivery requests can be submitted using the options below.

If you request an email copy, you will receive an email with a link to the current meeting materials.

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- **Internet** – Go to [www.envisionreports.com/wre](http://www.envisionreports.com/wre). Click Cast Your Vote or Request Materials.
- **Phone** – Call us free of charge at 1-866-641-4276.
- **Email** – Send an email to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com) with "Proxy Materials Washington Real Estate Investment Trust" in the subject line. Include your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side, and state that you want a paper copy of the meeting materials.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of proxy materials must be received by May 18, 2020.