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WEINGARTEN REALTY INVESTORS RELEASES TAX CHARACTERISTICS OF 2015 DISTRIBUTIONS

HOUSTON (January 18, 2016) Weingarten Realty Investors (NYSE: WRI) released today the Federal income tax treatment of its 2015 distributions to holders of its Common Shares of Beneficial Interest and its depository shares of 6.50% Series F Cumulative Preferred Shares.

Weingarten Realty Investors Common Shares

Symbol: WRI

CUSIP: 948741103

Ex-Dividend Date	Record Date	Payable Date	Total Distribution Per Share	Ordinary Dividends	Total Capital Gain Distribution	Unrecaptured Sec 1250 Gain (1)	Return of Capital (Nontaxable Distribution)
03/05/2015	03/09/2015	03/16/2015	\$0.345000	\$0.319947	\$0.014867	\$0.006040	\$0.010186
06/04/2015	06/08/2015	06/15/2015	\$0.345000	\$0.319947	\$0.014867	\$0.006040	\$0.010186
09/02/2015	09/08/2015	09/15/2015	\$0.345000	\$0.319947	\$0.014867	\$0.006040	\$0.010186
12/03/2015	12/08/2015	12/15/2015	\$0.345000	\$0.319947	\$0.014867	\$0.006040	\$0.010186
2015 Total			\$1.380000	\$1.279788	\$0.059468	\$0.024160	\$0.040744

Weingarten Realty Investors 6.5% Series F Preferred Shares

Symbol: WRIPrF

CUSIP: 948741889

Ex-Dividend Date	Record Date	Payable Date	Total Distribution Per Share	Ordinary Dividends	Total Capital Gain Distribution	Unrecaptured Sec 1250 Gain (1)	Return of Capital (Nontaxable Distribution)
03/05/2015	03/09/2015	03/16/2015	\$0.406250	\$0.388743	\$0.017507	\$0.007112	\$0.000000
	05/08/2015	05/08/2015	\$0.239200	\$0.228892	\$0.010308	\$0.004188	\$0.000000
2015 Total			\$0.645450	\$0.617635	\$0.027815	\$0.011300	\$0.000000

(1) Represents additional characterization of, and is included in, "Total Capital Gain Distribution."

Shareholders are encouraged to consult with their personal tax advisors as to their specific tax treatment of Weingarten Realty Investors cash distributions. For additional information, contact Weingarten's Investor Relations Department.

About Weingarten Realty Investors

Weingarten Realty Investors (NYSE: WRI) is a shopping center owner, manager and developer. At September 30, 2015, the Company owned or operated under long-term leases, either directly or through its interest in real estate joint ventures or partnerships, a total of 232 properties which are located in 20 states spanning the country from coast to coast. These properties represent approximately 45.9 million square feet of which our interests in these properties aggregated approximately 28.3 million square feet of leasable area. To learn more about the Company's operations and growth strategies, please visit www.weingarten.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included herein that state the Company's or Management's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions of the future are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 which by their nature, involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Reference is made to the Company's regulatory filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for information or factors that may impact the Company's performance.