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WEINGARTEN REALTY INVESTORS RELEASES TAX CHARACTERISTICS OF 2016 DISTRIBUTIONS

HOUSTON (January 17, 2017) Weingarten Realty Investors (NYSE: WRI) released today the Federal income tax treatment of its 2016 distributions to holders of its Common Shares of Beneficial Interest.

Weingarten Realty Investors Common Shares

Symbol: WRI

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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)
03/04/2016	03/08/2016	03/15/2016	\$0.365000	\$0.294455	\$0.070545	\$0.022685	\$0.000000
06/06/2016	06/08/2016	06/15/2016	\$0.365000	\$0.294455	\$0.070545	\$0.022685	\$0.000000
09/06/2016	09/08/2016	09/15/2016	\$0.365000	\$0.294455	\$0.070545	\$0.022685	\$0.000000
12/06/2016	12/08/2016	12/15/2016	\$0.365000	\$0.294455	\$0.070545	\$0.022685	\$0.000000
2016 Total			\$1.460000	\$1.177820	\$0.282180	\$0.090740	\$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, 2016, 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 224 properties which are located in 18 states spanning the country from coast to coast. These properties represent approximately 45.2 million square feet of which our interests in these properties aggregated approximately 28.4 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.