

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

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| <b>Part I Reporting Issuer</b>   |   |   |                      |
| 1 Issuer's name<br><br><b>WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST</b>  |   | 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)<br><br><b>53-0261100</b>                        |                      |
| 3 Name of contact for additional information   | 4 Telephone No. of contact<br><br><b>202-774-3200</b> | 5 Email address of contact<br><br><b>INFO@WASHREIT.COM</b>                                      |                      |
| 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact<br><br><b>1775 EYE STREET, NW SUITE 1000</b> |   | 7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact<br><br><b>WASHINGTON, DC 20006</b> |                      |
| 8 Date of action   |   | 9 Classification and description<br><br><b>STOCK</b>  |                      |
| 10 CUSIP number<br><br><b>939653101</b>  | 11 Serial number(s)                                   | 12 Ticker symbol<br><br><b>WRE</b>  | 13 Account number(s) |

**Part II Organizational Action** Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ **Washington Real Estate Investment Trust made cash distributions on January 6, 2017, March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 29, 2017 to each of its common stock shareholders of record on December 21, 2016, March 15, 2017, June 15, 2017 and September 15, 2017, respectively.**

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ **A portion of each cash distribution made by Washington Real Estate Investment Trust during the calendar year 2017 is not taxable as a dividend under Section 301 (c)(1), but is applied against basis under Section 301 (c)(2) ("return of capital"). The return of capital on a per share basis is as follows:**

| Distribution Date  | Amount per Share |
|--------------------|------------------|
| January 6, 2017    | \$0.09386        |
| March 31, 2017     | \$0.09386        |
| June 30, 2017      | \$0.09386        |
| September 29, 2017 | \$0.09386        |

**As such, each shareholder's tax basis in the common stock of Washington Real Estate Investment Trust is decreased by the lesser of the amount of the shareholder's share of the return of capital distributions or the shareholder's tax basis in such common stock.**

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ **The change in basis was determined by comparing the cash distributions made by Washington Real Estate Investment Trust during calendar year 2017 to the amount of Washington Real Estate Investment Trust's 2017 current earnings and profits determined under Sections 312 and 316. Total cash distributions to the common shares made during the calendar year were \$91,180,981 and the 2017 current earnings and profits were \$62,653,139 resulting in a total return of capital for the tax year 2017 attributable to all shareholders of the common stock in the amount of \$28,527,842. Accordingly, the return of capital percentage is 31.287% (\$28,527,842 / \$91,180,981).**

**Part II** Organizational Action *(continued)*

**17** List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ Sections 301, 312 and 316.

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**18** Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ No loss can be recognized as a result of the cash distributions to the common shareholders.

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**19** Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ The reporting tax year is the 2017

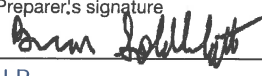
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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature ▶  Date ▶ 1/17/18

Print your name ▶ W. Drew Hammond Title ▶ VP, CAO and Controller

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| <b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> | Print/Type preparer's name                                 | Preparer's signature  | Date            | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN             |
|                               | <u>Brian Goldblatt</u>                                     |  | <u>01/17/18</u> |   | <u>P00647032</u> |
|                               | Firm's name ▶ <u>ERNST &amp; YOUNG U.S. LLP</u>            | Firm's EIN ▶ <u>34-6565596</u>  |                 |   |                  |
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