

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

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| 1 Issuer's name | | 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) | |
| Corporate Office Properties Trust | | 23-2947217 | |
| 3 Name of contact for additional information | 4 Telephone No. of contact | 5 Email address of contact | |
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| 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact | | 7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact | |
| 6711 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 300 | | Columbia, MD 21046 | |
| 8 Date of action | | 9 Classification and description | |
| Various - See 14 below | | Common Shares | |
| 10 CUSIP number | 11 Serial number(s) | 12 Ticker symbol | 13 Account number(s) |
| 22002T108 | | OFC | |

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 ▶ **Corporate Office Properties Trust paid quarterly cash distributions to its common shareholders for the 2016 tax year. A portion of these distributions represents a nontaxable return of capital. The distribution dates were as follows:**

Distributions of .2750 per share for each quarterly distribution
Record Dates: 3/31/2016, 6/30/2016, 09/30/2016
Payment Dates: 04/15/2016, 07/15/2016, 10/17/2016

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 ▶ **The return of capital portion of the distributions reduced the basis of the security in the hands of U.S. taxpayer(s) as follows:**

| Payable Date | Per Share reduction of basis |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| 04/15/2016 | \$.143038 |
| 07/15/2016 | \$.143038 |
| 10/17/2016 | \$.143038 |

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 ▶ **Corporate Office Properties Trust determines its annual earnings and profits under IRC 312 (as modified by IRC 857(d) for a Real Estate Investment Trust) and the regulations thereunder. Distributions in excess of the earnings and profits allocated to the common shares reduces the shareholder's basis in its shares to the extent of basis.**

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ _____

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ _____

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ _____

NOTE: A SIGNED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CORPORATE ADDRESS LISTED ON PAGE 1

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 ▶ _____

Print your name ▶ **Anthony Mifsud** Title ▶ **EVP/CFO**

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| | Firm's name ▶ | | | | Firm's EIN ▶ |
| | Firm's address ▶ | | | | Phone no. |