

Chimera Declares First Quarter 2017 Dividend of \$0.50 Per Share

- BOARD DECLARES FIRST QUARTER 2017 DIVIDEND OF \$0.50 PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK
- BOARD EXPECTS TO MAINTAIN A \$0.50 DIVIDEND FOR THE REMAINING THREE QUARTERS OF 2017
- BOARD DECLARES FIRST QUARTER 2017 DIVIDEND OF \$0.50 PER SHARE OF 8% SERIES A CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Board of Directors of Chimera announced the declaration of its first quarter cash dividend of \$0.50 per common share. The dividend is payable April 28, 2017 to common stockholders of record on March 31, 2017. The ex-dividend date is March 29, 2017.

The Board of Directors of Chimera also announced the declaration of its first quarter cash dividend of \$0.50 per share of 8% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable March 30, 2017 to preferred shareholders of record on March 1, 2017. The ex-dividend date is February 27, 2017.

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ability to oversee our third party sub-servicers; the impact of any deficiencies in the servicing or foreclosure practices of third parties and related delays in the foreclosure process; our exposure to legal and regulatory claims; legislative and regulatory actions affecting our business; the impact of new or modified government mortgage refinance or principal reduction programs; our ability to maintain our REIT qualification; and limitations imposed on our business due to our REIT status and our exempt status under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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