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**Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.**

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# Hines REIT

## IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT DISTRIBUTIONS

Dear Stockholder:

Please be reminded that in an 8-K filing on June 30, 2016, Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., or Hines REIT, announced that, in connection with the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, it would cease paying regular quarterly distributions. This became effective after the payment of distributions declared for the second quarter of 2016, which were paid on or around July 1, 2016. If the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution is approved by Hines REIT's stockholders and completed by Hines REIT as expected, Hines REIT expects to pay distributions to its stockholders in the estimated range of approximately \$6.35 to \$6.65 per share on or before December 31, 2016. There can be no assurances regarding the amounts of any distributions or the timing thereof. Please see the June 30, 2016 8-K filing at: <http://www.hinessecurities.com/reits/hines-reit/sec-filings/> for more information.

If you have not yet voted your shares with respect to the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, and other matters up for vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders scheduled for November 7, 2016, we highly encourage you to call 888-693-8683 to do so.

### **Additional Information:**

This communication is being made by Hines REIT (the "Company") in respect of the Company's proposed plan of liquidation and dissolution (the "Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution") pursuant to which the Company will sell all or substantially all of the Company's properties and assets, including without limitation seven of the Company's properties located in California and Washington to BRE Hydra Property Owner LLC (the "West Coast Asset Sale"). The Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale, will be submitted to the stockholders of the Company for their consideration. In connection with the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale, the Company has filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS OR MATERIALS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROXY STATEMENT, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN OF LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION, INCLUDING THE WEST COAST ASSET SALE. The definitive proxy statement has been mailed to the Company's stockholders. In addition, the proxy statement and other documents are available at no charge at the SEC's internet website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The proxy statement and other pertinent documents also may be obtained at no charge at the Company's website, <http://www.hinessecurities.com>, or by directing a written request to Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 5000, Houston, Texas 77056-6118, Attention: Secretary. The Company and its directors and executive officers and members of its external advisor and its employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies with respect to the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale. Information regarding the Company's directors and executive officers is detailed in the proxy statements and annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q previously filed with the SEC, each of which can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Additional information regarding the direct and indirect interests of the Company's directors and executive officers in the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution may be obtained by reading the proxy statement and other relevant documents or materials relating to the proposed transaction when they become available.

### **Forward Looking Statements:**

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 based on current expectations, forecasts and assumptions that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan,"

"foresee," "looking ahead," "is confident," "should be," "will," "predicted," "likely," or similar words or phrases intended to identify information that is not historical in nature. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements about the expected benefits of the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale, the estimated range of distributions, the expected timing and completion of the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale, and the future business, performance and opportunities of the Company. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, the ability of the Company to obtain required stockholder approvals required to consummate the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale; the satisfaction or waiver of other conditions to closing for the West Coast Asset Sale; unanticipated difficulties or expenditures relating to the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale; the response of tenants, business partners and competitors to the announcement of the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale; legal proceedings that may be instituted against the Company and others related to the Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, including the West Coast Asset Sale; general risks affecting the real estate industry (including, without limitation, the inability to enter into or renew leases, dependence on tenants' financial condition, and competition from other developers, owners and operators of real estate); adverse economic or real estate developments in the Company's existing markets; risks associated with the availability and terms of financing and the ability to refinance indebtedness as it comes due; reductions in asset valuations and related impairment charges; risks associated with downturns in domestic and local economies, changes in interest rates and volatility in the securities markets; potential liability for uninsured losses and environmental contamination; risks associated with the Company's potential failure to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and possible adverse changes in tax and environmental laws; and risks associated with the Company's dependence on key personnel of Hines Interests Limited Partnership or its affiliates whose continued service is not guaranteed. For a further list and description of such risks and uncertainties, see the reports filed by the Company with the SEC, including the Company's most recent annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this communication. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or developments, future events or otherwise.