



Senior Housing Properties Trust Announces Results of Annual Meeting

NEWTON, Mass.--Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE: SNH) today announced the results of its annual meeting of shareholders held today, as follows:

Frederick N. Zeytoonjian was elected as an Independent Trustee to serve a three year term until the annual meeting in 2011. The preliminary tabulation of shareholders' votes cast was as follows:

	Percentage of votes cast in favor -----
Frederick N. Zeytoonjian for election as an Independent Trustee	91.1%

Senior Housing Properties Trust is a real estate investment trust, or REIT, which invests in senior living properties, including independent and assisted living facilities and nursing homes, as well as hospitals, wellness centers and medical office buildings located throughout the United States. SNH is headquartered in Newton, Massachusetts.

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