



Senior Housing Properties Trust Announces Results of Annual Meeting

NEWTON, Mass., May 18, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE: SNH) announced the preliminary tabulation of votes at its annual meeting held earlier today, as follows:

- Jeffrey P. Somers was elected as an Independent Trustee receiving 106,516,997 votes, or 95% of all shares outstanding.
- Barry M. Portnoy was elected as a Managing Trustee receiving 100,465,063 votes, or 89% of all shares outstanding.

Both Messrs. Somers and Portnoy were elected for three (3) year terms until the 2012 annual meeting.

Senior Housing Properties Trust is a real estate investment trust which owns independent and assisted living communities, nursing homes, rehabilitation hospitals, wellness centers and medical office buildings throughout the United States. SNH is headquartered in Newton, MA.

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