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**IMPORTANT ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Boston Properties, Inc. Stockholders Meeting to be Held on May 18, 2010**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders of Boston Properties, Inc. are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the proxy materials and vote online or request a paper or email copy of the proxy materials. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important.

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

**The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at:**

[www.envisionreports.com/BXP](http://www.envisionreports.com/BXP)

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**Stockholders Meeting Notice**

**The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Boston Properties, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, at 601 Lexington Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022.**

You can access directions to the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders of Boston Properties, Inc. on our website at <http://www.bostonproperties.com/proxy>.

**Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR all the nominees listed.**

1. To elect the three nominees named in the proxy statement as Class I directors, each to serve for a three-year term and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

01 - Mortimer B. Zuckerman

02 - Carol B. Einiger

03 - Dr. Jacob A. Frenkel

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR Proposals 2 and 3.**

2. To approve an amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation relating to the election of directors, as summarized below.
3. To ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote AGAINST Proposals 4 and 5.**

4. To consider and act upon a stockholder proposal concerning the preparation of a sustainability report, if properly presented at the Annual Meeting.
5. To consider and act upon a stockholder proposal concerning an independent board chairman, if properly presented at the Annual Meeting.
6. In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon any other matters that are properly brought by or at the direction of the Board of Directors before the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

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Proposal 2 would amend the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to initiate the declassification of the Board and eliminate the provisions requiring the election of directors by plurality vote so that the voting standard for elections may be modified in the bylaws. If the

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amendment is approved, then commencing with the class of directors standing for election at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders our directors will stand for election for one-year terms; directors elected or appointed prior to the 2011 annual meeting will continue to serve their full three-year terms. The amendment also provides that directors serving one-year terms may be removed from office with or without cause by 75% of the voting power of the stock entitled to vote thereon and provides that directors serving the remainder of three-year terms may be removed only for cause by 75% of the voting power of the stock entitled to vote thereon. This summary is qualified by reference to Proposal 2 set forth in the proxy statement for the 2010 annual stockholders meeting and Annex A thereto, which sets forth the full text of the proposed amendment. You are urged to read Annex A in its entirety by accessing a copy of such proxy materials by following the instructions on this notice.

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