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PUTNAM LOGO

PLEASE VOTE AND RETURN YOUR PROXY TODAY!

Dear Shareholder:

During the past few weeks, we sent you the notice of your Putnam Fund's Shareholder Meeting, a proxy statement, and a proxy card for your vote and signature.

To date, we have not received your voted and signed proxy card.

Unless enough shareholders vote their proxies, your Fund cannot complete the business at its meeting, which will result in the additional expense of further mailings to shareholders until enough votes are received.

Your vote is important no matter how many shares you may own. Please, if you have not already done so, vote and sign your card now and mail it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Sincerely yours,

/s/George Putnam
George Putnam
Chairman,
Board of Trustees