

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)	
SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST		04-3445278	
3 Name of contact for additional information	4 Telephone No. of contact	5 Email address of contact	
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6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact	
255 Washington Street, Two Newton Place		Newton, MA 02458	
8 Date of action		9 Classification and description	
See Below		Common Stock	
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
81721M109	Various	SNH	Various

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ The taxpayer made cash distributions to its shareholders in excess of its current and accumulated earnings and profits.
 See Part II, Line 15 for the amount of distributions per share.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ The distributions reduced the basis of the security in the hands of the U.S. taxpayer(s) as follows:

Per Share Reduction of Basis in Common Stock

Date	Amount
01/22/16	\$0.1586
04/25/16	\$0.1586
07/22/16	\$0.1586
10/21/16	\$0.1586

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ The taxpayer's earnings and profits were calculated under IRC Section 312 (as modified by IRC Section 857(d) for a real estate investment trust) and the regulations thereunder. Amounts in excess of earnings and profits reduce the shareholder's tax basis in its shares to the extent of basis.

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ IRC Section 301(c)(2)

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ No

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ The actions are effective on the date(s) of distribution identified above.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature ▶ *Richard W Siedel Jr* Date ▶ 1/17/2017
Print your name ▶ Richard W Siedel Jr Title ▶ CFO + Treasurer

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