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March 29, 2018

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Wakefield Boston Hotel & Conference Center, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880 on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time. The attached Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement contain details of the business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting. We urge you to review these proxy materials carefully and to use this opportunity to take part in the affairs of Franklin Street Properties by voting on the matters described in the Proxy Statement.

We are pleased to inform you that we will again be taking advantage of the "Notice and Access" method of providing proxy materials via the Internet. On or about Friday, March 29, 2018, we are mailing to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our 2018 Proxy Statement and 2017 Annual Report and how to vote. This notice also contains instructions on how to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials. We believe that this method will expedite your receipt of proxy materials, help conserve natural resources and reduce our printing and mailing costs.

Your vote is important. We hope that you will be able to attend the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote as soon as possible. Instructions on how to vote are contained in this Proxy Statement.

Thank you for your continued support of Franklin Street Properties. We look forward to seeing you on May 10, 2018.

Sincerely,

George J. Carter Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on May 10, 2018

The Proxy Statement and 2017 Annual Report to Stockholders

are available electronically at www.proxyvote.com

#### INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

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Anyone attending the Annual Meeting may be asked to present both proof of ownership of common stock of Franklin Street Properties and a valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport. If your shares are held in the name of a broker, financial institution or other nominee, you will need a recent brokerage statement or letter from such entity reflecting your stock ownership as of the record date. If you do not have both proof of ownership of Franklin Street Properties common stock and a valid picture identification, you may be denied admission to the Annual Meeting.

Cameras, sound or video recording devices, and large bags or packages will not be allowed in the meeting room. Attendees may be subject to security inspections and other security precautions.

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