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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 12, 2016

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE

INVESTMENT TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND 001-06622

53-0261100

(State of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1775 EYE STREET, NW, SUITE 1000, WASHINGTON, DC 20006

(Address of principal executive office) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (202) 774-3200

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Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 12, 2016, Washington Real Estate Investment Trust ("Washington REIT") held its 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting").

At the Annual Meeting, Washington REIT's shareholders elected William G. Byrnes as a trustee of the Board of Trustees to serve until Washington REIT's 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor is elected and qualifies. Mr. Byrnes received the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 51,043,887 322,911 120,406 11,758,082

Washington REIT's shareholders also elected Paul T. McDermott as a trustee of the Board of Trustees to serve until Washington REIT's 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor is elected and qualifies. Mr. McDermott received the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 51,033,665 332,509 121,029 11,758,082

Washington REIT's shareholders approved, by nonbinding advisory vote, the compensation paid to Washington REIT's named executive officers. This proposal received the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 49,967,345 1,168,900 350,959 11,758,082

Washington REIT's shareholders approved the adoption of the Washington Real Estate Investment Trust 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan (and the terms and conditions of performance-based compensation under such plan). This proposal received the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 49,753,301 1,392,397 339,852 11,758,082

Washington REIT's shareholders ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Washington REIT's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. This proposal received the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 62,257,860 733,476 253,950 —

The results reported above are final voting results.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 12, 2016, the Washington Real Estate Investment Trust 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") became effective upon approval by the shareholders, as described above. A description of the material terms and conditions of the Plan is set forth in Proposal 3, under the heading "Washington Real Estate Investment Trust 2016 Omnibus Plan and Terms and Conditions Relating to Performance-Based Compensation," in the 2016 Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 23, 2016 (and such description is incorporated by reference herein).

As previously announced, on February 16, 2016, John P. McDaniel resigned from the Board in order to effectuate his retirement therefrom consistent with Washington REIT's board retirement policy, with such resignation taking effect at the commencement of the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on May 12, 2016 and, consistent with the foregoing, Mr. McDaniel's resignation took effect at the commencement

thereof.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (Registrant)

By:/s/ W. Drew Hammond (Signature)

W. Drew Hammond Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller

May 16, 2016 (Date)