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# NUVEEN CLOSED END FUNDS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

### ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS ADJOURNED UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2012

**MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE AS A SHAREHOLDER IS HEARD BY VOTING YOUR SHARES**

**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Dear Shareholder:

**We need your help!** We recently sent you proxy materials concerning important proposals affecting your fund(s), which were considered at the Annual Shareholders Meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. The meeting has been adjourned in order to allow more time for shareholders to cast their votes. The meeting will reconvene on January 31, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., Central time at the offices of Nuveen Investments, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL. This letter was sent because you held shares in one or more of the funds on the record date and **we have not received your vote.**

#### **PROPOSALS HAVE THE SUPPORT OF A NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED PROXY ADVISORY FIRM.**

Because over time Nuveen closed-end funds have seen increased institutional share ownership, the funds sought and received the support of ISS Governance Services Inc. (ISS). ISS is widely recognized as the leading independent proxy advisory firm in the nation. Its recommendations are relied upon by hundreds of major institutional investment firms, mutual funds, and other fiduciaries throughout the country. **ISS recommends that its clients vote FOR each of the proposals contained in the proxy.**

**YOUR FUND S BOARD RECOMMENDS YOU VOTE FOR EACH OF THE PROPOSALS**

**YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT**

**VOTING NOW HELPS AVOID UNNECESSARY COMMUNICATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND  
ELIMINATES PHONE CALLS**

Please vote using one of the following options:

#### **1. VOTE ONLINE**

Log on to the website listed on your proxy card. Please have your proxy card in hand to access your control number (located in the box) and follow the on screen instructions.

#### **2. VOTE BY TOUCH-TONE TELEPHONE**

Call the toll free number listed on your proxy card. Please have your proxy card in hand to access your control number (located in the box) and follow the recorded instructions.

#### **3. VOTE BY MAIL**

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Complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card(s), then return them in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

The proxy materials we sent you contain important information regarding the proposals that you and other shareholders are being asked to consider. Please read the materials carefully. If you have any questions regarding the proposals, or need assistance with voting, you may call Computershare Fund Services, each fund's proxy solicitor, toll free at **1-866-963-5818**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have already voted, we appreciate your participation.