

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME SECURITIES FUND  
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April 24, 2017

PUTNAM CLOSED-END PROXY

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
(RULE 14A-101)

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## The Putnam Funds

April 2017

Dear Shareholder:

We urge you, as a shareholder of Putnam High Income Securities Fund, to vote today in favor of retaining the current Putnam Investments Board of Trustees.

**Vote to protect your investment from the threat of takeover**

- Your fund is the target of a takeover attempt by a well-known dissident firm named Bulldog Investors, LLC (“Bulldog”), at the April 28, 2017 annual meeting of shareholders.

- Bulldog has intentions to elect alternative trustees and undertake actions that would permanently disrupt your fund as a long-term investment.

**The Board of Trustees has overseen your fund’s quality as a long-term investment**

- Your fund has a 5-star rating by Morningstar over the trailing 10-year period (as of 3/31/17).

- Your fund is in demand — its discount to net asset value per share has narrowed sharply from a little over -12% in early November 2016 to -6.36% as of April 13, 2017.

**ISS, an independent third party, recommends supporting the current Board of Trustees**

- ISS analyzes shareholder ballot proposals and has issued a recommendation to vote in support of Putnam management and your current Trustees.

- Please vote with only the WHITE proxy card.

- Please discard any GREEN proxy card you receive to deprive Bulldog of support.

Thank you for voting promptly. If you have any questions, please call a customer service representative at 1 (866) 342-8290.