

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

<b>Part I Reporting Issuer</b>			
1 Issuer's name		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)	
COLUMBIA PROPERTY TRUST, INC.		20-0068852	
3 Name of contact for additional information	4 Telephone No. of contact	5 Email address of contact	
AMY KIROUAC	404-465-2200	SHAREHOLDERS@COLUMBIA.REIT	
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	
ONE GLENLAKE PARKWAY, SUITE 1200		ATLANTA, GA 30328	
8 Date of action		9 Classification and description	
		DISTRIBUTIONS ON COMMON STOCK	
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
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**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 ▶

COLUMBIA PROEPRTY TRUST, INC. MADE QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS DURING 2016. A PORTION OF THE DISTRIBUTIONS REPRESENTED A NONDIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION. THE DISTRIBUTIONS WERE PAID ON 1/6/2016 TO SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD AS OF 12/1/2015; PAID ON 3/15/2016 TO SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD AS OF 3/1/2016; PAID ON 6/15/2016 TO SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD AS OF 6/1/2016; PAID ON 9/15/2016 TO SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD AS OF 9/1/2016.

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 PORTION OF THE DISTRIBUTION THAT IS CLASSIFIED AS A NONDIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION REDUCES THE BASIS IN THE ENTITY AS FOLLOWS:

PAYMENT DATE:	REDUCTION OF BASIS PER SHARE:
1/6/2016	\$0.28
3/15/2016	\$0.28
6/15/2016	\$0.28
9/15/2016	\$0.28

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 ▶

COLUMBIA PROPERTY TRUST, INC. CALCULATED EARNINGS AND PROFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRC SECTION 312, AS MODIFIED BY IRC SECTION 857(d) FOR A REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, AND REGULATIONS THEREUNDER. THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF EARNING AND PROFITS REDUCE THE SHAREHOLDER'S 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 ►  
**NONDIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION IS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO IRC SECTION 301(c).**

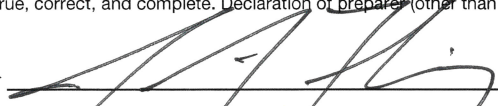
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18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ►  
**NO RESULTING GAIN CAN BE RECOGNIZED.**

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19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ►  
**THE REPORTABLE YEAR IS 2016.**

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**Sign Here**  
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.  
Signature ►  Date ► 1/19/2017  
Print your name ► JAMES A. FLEMING Title ► CFO & EXECUTIVE VP

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ►			Firm's EIN ►	
	Firm's address ►			Phone no.	