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**JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGED DIVIDEND INCOME FUND  
ANNOUNCES RESULTS FROM  
SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**BOSTON, MA (March 26, 2013)** – John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (NYSE: HTD) (the “Fund”), a closed-end fund advised by John Hancock Advisers, LLC, announced that shareholders voted in favor of the proposal presented for shareholder approval at an adjourned session of their special meeting held today.

At their special meeting of shareholders, shareholders of the Fund approved a new subadvisory agreement for the Fund between John Hancock Advisers, LLC and Analytic Investors, LLC (“Analytic”), which manages the options overlay strategy for the Fund. As previously announced, it was necessary to approve a new subadvisory agreement as a result of a change in ownership of Analytic. The new subadvisory agreement is substantially the same as the prior subadvisory agreement.

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*An investor should consider a Fund’s investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing.*

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The Boston-based mutual fund business unit of John Hancock Financial, John Hancock Funds, manages more than \$79.8 billion in open-end funds, closed-end funds, college savings assets, retirement plans and related party assets for individual and institutional investors at December 31, 2012.

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