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**JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND
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JOHN HANCOCK PREMIUM DIVIDEND FUND
JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGED DIVIDEND INCOME FUND
JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGED GLOBAL SHAREHOLDER YIELD
FUND**

ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

BOSTON, MA (February 3, 2016) – The following eight closed-end funds managed by John Hancock Advisers, LLC announced the results of their annual shareholder meetings: John Hancock Financial Opportunities Fund (NYSE: BTO), John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund (NYSE: HEQ), John Hancock Preferred Income Fund (NYSE: HPI), John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II (NYSE: HPII), John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III (NYSE: HPIII), John Hancock Premium Dividend Fund (NYSE: PDT), John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (NYSE: HTD) and John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield Fund (NYSE: HTY) (collectively, the “Funds”).

At their annual meetings held today, shareholders of the Funds elected James R. Boyle to continue to serve as Trustee of the Funds for a one-year term ending at the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders and elected Craig Bromley, Deborah C. Jackson, James M. Oates, and Steven R. Pruchansky to continue to serve as Trustees of the Funds for a three-year term ending at the 2019 annual meeting of shareholders.

The other eight Trustees of the Funds (Charles L. Bardelis, Peter S. Burgess, William H. Cunningham, Grace K. Fey, Theron S. Hoffman, Hassell H. McClellan, Gregory A. Russo, and Warren A. Thomson) were not up for election and remain in office.

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which are, in some cases, beyond a fund's control and could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

An investor should consider each fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing.

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