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JOHN HANCOCK INCOME SECURITIES TRUST
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ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

BOSTON, MA (February 2, 2018) – At their annual meetings held today, shareholders of John Hancock Income Securities Trust (NYSE: JHS) and John Hancock Investors Trust (NYSE: JHI), each a closed-end fund managed by John Hancock Advisers, LLC, elected the following thirteen Trustees to continue to serve as members of the Board of Trustees of JHS and JHI: Andrew G. Arnott, Charles L. Bardelis, James R. Boyle, Peter S. Burgess, William H. Cunningham, Grace K. Fey, Theron S. Hoffman, Deborah C. Jackson, Hassell H. McClellan, James M. Oates, Steven R. Pruchansky, Gregory A. Russo, and Warren A. Thomson.

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

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John Hancock Investments provides asset management services to individuals and institutions through a unique manager-of-managers approach. A wealth management business of John Hancock Financial, we managed more than $148 billion in assets as of September 30, 2017 across mutual funds, college savings plans, and retirement plans.

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