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

BOSTON, MA (February 7, 2019) – 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, Marianne Harrison, Theron S. Hoffman, Deborah C. Jackson, Hassell H. McClellan, James M. Oates, Steven R. Pruchansky and Gregory A. Russo.

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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 has helped individuals and institutions build and protect wealth since 1862. Today, we're one of the strongest and most-recognized financial brands. We serve investors globally through a unique multimanager approach: We search the world to find proven portfolio teams with specialized expertise for every strategy we offer, then we apply robust investment oversight to ensure they continue to meet our uncompromising standards and serve the best interests of our shareholders. Our approach to asset management has led to a diverse set of investments deeply rooted in investor needs, along with strong risk-adjusted returns across asset classes.

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