

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

Form SC 13G

December 16, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Starwood Property Trust, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

85571B105
(CUSIP Number)

December 5, 2014
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☒ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

EJF Capital LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) x

(b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF
SHARES

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

0

BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

12,216,537 (1)

EACH
REPORTING

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

PERSON
WITH

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

12,216,537 (1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12,216,537 (1)

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.5% (2)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IA

(1) Represents (i) 11,381,744 shares of common stock and (ii) \$20,000,000 principal amount of 3.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 that are convertible into 834,793 shares of common stock. If such convertible securities were converted into shares of common stock, the reporting person would become the beneficial owner of a total of 12,216,537 shares of common stock.

(2) Based on 222,402,882 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2014, as disclosed in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 5, 2014.

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Emanuel J. Friedman

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) ☒ x
GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) ☐ o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

12,216,537 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

12,216,537 (1)

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EJF Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P.

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) ☒ (b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

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Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

7,446,566 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

7,446,566 (1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,446,566 (1)

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

3.3% (2)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

- (1) Represents (i) 6,796,554 shares of common stock and (ii) \$15,573,000 principal amount of 3.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 that are convertible into 650,012 shares of common stock. If such convertible securities were converted into shares of common stock, the reporting person would become the beneficial owner of a total of 7,446,566 shares of common stock.

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EJF Debt Opportunities GP, LLC

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GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

7,446,566 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

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EJF Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

2,976,879 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

2,976,879 (1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,976,879 (1)

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

1.3% (2)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

(1) Represents (i) 2,916,816 shares of common stock and (ii) \$1,439,000 principal amount of 3.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 that are convertible into 60,063 shares of common stock. If such convertible securities were converted into shares of common stock, the reporting person would become the beneficial owner of a total of 2,976,879 shares of common stock.

(2) Based on 222,402,882 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2014, as disclosed in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 5, 2014.

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GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o

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Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

2,976,879 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

2,976,879 (1)

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EJF Income Fund L.P.

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- (a) ☒ x
- (b) ☐ o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

40,000 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

40,000 (1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

40,000 (1)

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ☐ o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.0% (2)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

- (1) Represents 40,000 shares of common stock. This entity does not beneficially own any of the Issuer's convertible securities.

- (2) Based on 222,402,882 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2014, as disclosed in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 5, 2014.
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EJF Income GP LLC

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3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

40,000 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

40,000 (1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

40,000 (1)

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.0% (2)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

OO

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Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P.

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) ☒ (b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

1,521,853 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

1,521,853 (1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,521,853 (1)

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.7% (2)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

- (1) Represents (i) 1,397,135 shares of common stock and (ii) \$2,988,000 principal amount of 3.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 that are convertible into 124,718 shares of common stock. If such convertible securities were converted into shares of common stock, the reporting person would become the beneficial owner of a total of 1,521,853 shares of common stock.

(2)

Based on 222,402,882 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2014, as disclosed in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 5, 2014.

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

EJF Beltway Strategic Opportunities GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) ☒ (b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY

1,521,853 (1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH

1,521,853 (1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,521,853 (1)

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.7% (2)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

OO

(1) Represents (i) 1,397,135 shares of common stock and (ii) \$2,988,000 principal amount of 3.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 that are convertible into 124,718 shares of common stock. If such convertible securities were converted into shares of common stock, the reporting person would become the beneficial owner of a total of 1,521,853 shares of common stock.

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer

Starwood Property Trust, Inc.

Item 1. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

591 West Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing

This Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following persons (the "Reporting Persons")*:

- (i) EJP Capital LLC;
- (ii) Emanuel J. Friedman;
- (iii) EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P.;
- (iv) EJP Debt Opportunities GP, LLC;
- (v) EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP;
- (vi) EJP Debt Opportunities II GP, LLC;
- (vii) EJP Income Fund, LP
- (viii) EJP Income GP, LLC
- (ix) Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P.; and
- (x) EJP Beltway Strategic Opportunities GP LLC

*Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an agreement among the Reporting Persons that this Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of each of them.

Item 2. (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence

EJP Capital LLC
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

Emanuel J. Friedman
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P.
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

EJP Debt Opportunities GP, LLC
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

EJF Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

EJF Debt Opportunities II GP, LLC
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

EJF Income Fund, LP
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

EJF Income GP, LLC
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P.
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

EJF Beltway Strategic Opportunities GP LLC
2107 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 410
Arlington, VA 22201

Item 2. (c) Citizenship

See Item 4 of the attached cover pages.

Item 2. (d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value ("Common Stock")

Item 2. (e) CUSIP Number

85571B105

Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See Item 9 of the attached cover pages.

(b) Percent of class:

See Item 11 of the attached cover pages.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
See Item 5 of the attached cover pages.
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
See Item 6 of the attached cover pages.
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition:
See Item 7 of the attached cover pages.
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition:
See Item 8 of the attached cover pages.

Each of EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P., EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP and Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P. is the record owner of (i) the shares of Common Stock shown on item 9 of its respective cover page, as specified in footnote 1 thereof and (ii) 3.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (“Convertible Notes”) that are convertible into the number of shares of Common Stock shown on item 9 of its respective cover page, as specified in footnote 1 thereof. EJP Income Fund, LP is the record owner of the shares of Common Stock shown on item 9 of its respective cover page.

EJP Debt Opportunities GP, LLC serves as the general partner and investment manager of EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P. and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P. is the record owner and the shares of Common Stock which EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P. has the right to acquire upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

EJP Debt Opportunities II GP, LLC serves as the general partner and investment manager of EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP is the record owner and the shares of Common Stock which EJP Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP has the right to acquire upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

EJP Income GP, LLC serves as the general partner and investment manager of EJP Income Fund, LP and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJP Income Fund, LP is the record owner.

EJP Beltway Strategic Opportunities GP LLC serves as the general partner of Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P. and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P. is the record owner and the shares of Common Stock which Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P. has the right to acquire upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

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EJF Capital LLC is the sole member and manager of each of EJF Debt Opportunities GP, LLC, EJF Debt Opportunities II GP, LLC, EJF Income GP, LLC and EJF Beltway Strategic Opportunities GP LLC, and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which such entities may share beneficial ownership. EJF Capital LLC also serves as the investment manager of a managed account that is the record owner of 231,239 shares of Common Stock, and EJF Capital LLC may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of such shares of Common Stock. Emanuel J. Friedman is the controlling member of EJF Capital LLC and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock over which EJF Capital LLC may share beneficial ownership.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

See item 4.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The filing persons may be deemed to be members of a group.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under Section 240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 15, 2014

EJF CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EMANUEL J. FRIEDMAN

By: /s/ Emanuel J. Friedman
Name: Emanuel J. Friedman

EJF DEBT OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND, L.P.

By: EJF DEBT OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF DEBT OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF INCOME FUND, LP

By: EJF INCOME GP, LLC
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF INCOME GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

BELTWAY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND L.P.

By: EJF BELTWAY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES GP
Its: LLC
General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF BELTWAY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES GP LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT A

The undersigned, EJF Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Emanuel J. Friedman, EJF Debt Opportunities Master Fund, L.P., an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, EJF Debt Opportunities GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, EJF Debt Opportunities Master Fund II, LP, an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, EJF Debt Opportunities II GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, EJF Income Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, EJF Income GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Beltway Strategic Opportunities Fund L.P., an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, and EJF Beltway Strategic Opportunities GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, hereby agree and acknowledge that the information required by this Schedule 13G, to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit, is filed on behalf of each of them. The undersigned further agree that any further amendments or supplements thereto shall also be filed on behalf of each of them.

Dated: December 15, 2014

EJF CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EMANUEL J. FRIEDMAN

By: /s/ Emanuel J. Friedman
Name: Emanuel J. Friedman

EJF DEBT OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND, L.P.

By: EJF DEBT OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF DEBT OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson

Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF INCOME FUND, LP

By: EJF INCOME GP, LLC
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF INCOME GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

BELTWAY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND L.P.

By: EJF BELTWAY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES GP
Its: LLC
General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF BELTWAY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES GP LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson
Name: Neal J. Wilson
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