

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

SCHEDULE 14A

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)**

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FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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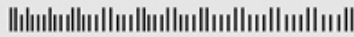
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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: March 17, 2010
Date: May 04, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 AM EDT
Location: Woodmont Country Club
1201 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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— Before You Vote —
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Annual Report/Form 10-K Wrap

How to View Online:

Have the 12-Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the 12-Digit Control Number (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 20, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To Vote —

Please Choose One of The Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a "legal proxy." To do so, please follow the instructions at www.proxyvote.com or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the 12 Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction form.

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Voting items

The Board of Trustees recommends that you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Trustees

Nominees
01 Jon E. Bortz 02 David W. Faeder 03 Kristin Gamble

The Board of Trustees recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

- 2 To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.
- 3 To approve our 2010 Performance Incentive Plan to provide for the issuance of up to 3,250,000 shares to be issued to our Trustees, executive officers, employees and others for a period of ten years.

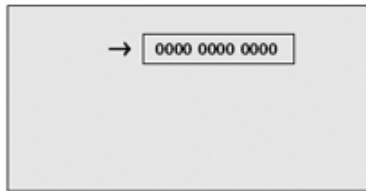
The Board of Trustees recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal(s):

- 4 To consider and act upon a shareholder proposal requesting that our Board of Trustees prepare by December 2010 a social and environmental sustainability report in accordance with guidelines established by the Global Reporting Initiative, if properly coming before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.



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