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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL ARCT STOCKHOLDERS MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT At the January 16, 2013, Special Meeting of ARCT Stockholders Vote **FOR** the Proposal to Approve the Merger with Realty Income On the **WHITE** Proxy Card Today Your participation in the vote is requested. Please vote your shares today. Maximize the value of your investment in ARCT Three Easy Ways to Vote: 1. Vote by Telephone. Call toll free: (800) 690-6903. Have your control number in hand. Follow the instructions provided. 2. Vote by Internet. Log onto the website: www.proxyvote.com. Have your control number in hand. Follow the instructions provided. 3. Vote by Mail. Mark, sign, date and return the **WHITE** proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided. Stockholders are urged to vote promptly. American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. 405 Park Avenue 14th Floor New York, NY 10022 www.arctreit.com

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. Make Your Vote Count **VOTE THE WHITE PROXY CARD TODAY** Premium Valuation: Realty Income is valuing ARCT's assets at a significantly higher price that represents an exceptional capitalization rate and is lower than ARCT's cost basis. As of the date of announcement, this represented the lowest capitalization rate for similar net lease REIT transactions. Ideal Strategic Buyer: Realty Income represents the ideal strategic buyer given their business focus, size and scale, investment grade balance sheet, cost of capital and share liquidity. Comprehensive Strategic Process: ARCT undertook a comprehensive process to evaluate strategic alternatives to create stockholder value. Following this review, ARCT's board of directors concluded that the Realty Income transaction is superior to other available alternatives, including the status quo. A number of strategic options were evaluated thoroughly beginning in April 2011. Management's Interests Firmly Aligned with Stockholders: Pro forma for the transaction, ARCT management will own ~\$45 million of equity in Realty Income, including over \$25 million of existing equity in ARCT. Future Growth Opportunities and Value Creation: Realty Income's experienced management team has a successful track record of driving dividend growth and producing enhanced stockholder returns. The combined company will be significantly larger and financially stronger than ARCT as a stand-alone company or than its competitors, and will have one of the lowest costs of capital in a sector where low cost capital creates competitive advantage. Favorable Analyst Reaction: The transaction has been reviewed favorably by the research analyst community. ARCT is seeking your support at the Company's Special Meeting of Stockholders on January 16, 2013, to approve the proposed merger with Realty Income. Your board of directors unanimously determined that merging with Realty Income is the best way to continue delivering value to stockholders. The proposed merger with Realty Income provides a number of compelling benefits to ARCT stockholders: **PLEASE VOTE FOR THE PROPOSAL TO MERGE WITH REALTY INCOME USING THE WHITE PROXY CARD TODAY** Forward-Looking Statements: Information set forth herein (including information included or incorporated by reference herein) contains "forward-looking statements" (as defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), which reflect the Company's and Realty's expectations regarding future events. The forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to whether and when the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will be consummated, the new combined company's plans, market and other expectations, objectives, intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. The following additional factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements: the ability of the Company and Realty to obtain the stockholder approvals required to consummate the proposed merger; unexpected costs or unexpected liabilities that may arise from the transaction, whether or not consummated; the inability to retain key personnel; continuation or deterioration of current market conditions; future regulatory or legislative actions that could adversely affect the companies; and the business plans of the customers of the respective parties. Additional factors that may affect future results are contained in the Company's and Realty's filings with the SEC, which are available at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The Company and Realty disclaim any obligation to update and revise statements contained in these materials based on new information or otherwise. Additional Information and Where to Find It: In connection with the proposed merger, the Company and Realty have filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC on December 6, 2012 and commenced mailing the definitive proxy statement and a form of proxy to the stockholders of the Company. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED MERGER CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY BECAUSE THE PROXY STATEMENT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER.** Investors will be able to obtain, without charge, a copy of the definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents filed with the SEC from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed by the Company with the SEC are also available free of charge on the Company's website at <http://ir.arctreit.com>, and copies of the documents filed by Realty

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American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. Make Your Vote Count VOTE THE WHITE PROXY CARD TODAY VOTE FOR OWNERSHIP OF THE BEST PERFORMING NET LEASE REIT As a result of the merger, ARCT stockholders will own shares of Realty Income, the best performing publicly traded net lease REIT. • Realty Income (NYSE: O) is an \$8.7 billion commercial real estate company with a Baa1/BBB/ BBB+ (Moody's/S&P/Fitch) credit rating. • Realty Income's annual return to stockholders has been 17.7% since listing on NYSE in 1994 - 670 basis points higher than the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S&P 500, NASDAQ and FTSE NAREIT Index for the same period. • Since its listing Realty Income's total capitalization increased from \$402 million to \$8.7 billion and its share price increased from \$8.00 to \$40.17. • Realty Income has paid 508 consecutive monthly dividends since 1970 and has increased its monthly dividend 68 times since listing on the NYSE in 1994. • Realty Income's annual dividend has increased 102% - from \$0.90/share to \$1.82 since 1994. Upon the closing of the transaction, the dividend is expected to increase another 7% to \$1.95/share¹. VOTE FOR A SUPERIOR COST OF CAPITAL TO FUND FUTURE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES AND VALUE CREATION As a result of the merger, ARCT stockholders stand to benefit from greater risk adjusted returns due to the enhanced stability and diversity of the combined property portfolio. • The combined company will be significantly larger and financially stronger than ARCT as a stand-alone or its competitors, and will have one of the lowest costs of capital in a sector where low cost capital creates a competitive advantage. • The combined company's cost of capital advantage positions it to grow earnings while increasing dividends. • The combined company's greater scale will facilitate the execution of large transactions through improved access to capital, further enhancing the company's ability to realize value in the relatively fragmented net lease real estate sector. 1) Current annualized dividend based on December declared dividend of \$0.1514 per share. Projected dividend increase assumes a March 2013 close based on 2013E AFFO.

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