# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## Form 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): December 3, 2019 (December 2, 2019)

# **Gladstone Commercial Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-33097 (Commission File Number) 02-0681276 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, Virginia 22102 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

> (703) 287-5800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

> > Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Derecommencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	GOOD	Nasdaq Global Select Market
7.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable	GOODM	Nasdaq Global Select Market
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share		
6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable	GOODN	Nasdaq Global Select Market
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934(§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

### Entry into Common Stock Sales Agreement

On December 3, 2019, Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and its operating partnership, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, a majority-owned, consolidated subsidiary of the Company and a Delaware limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), entered into that certain At-the-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement (the "Common Stock Sales Agreement"), with Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, BTIG, LLC, and Fifth Third Securities, Inc. (the "Common Stock Sales Agents"), pursuant to which the Company may sell shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$250.0 million (the "Common Shares"), from time to time through the Common Stock Sales Agents, acting as sales agents and/or principals.

Pursuant to the Common Stock Sales Agreement, the Common Shares may be offered and sold through the Common Stock Sales Agents in transactions that are deemed to be "at the market offerings" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), including sales made directly on The Nasdaq Global Select Market ("Nasdaq") or any other existing trading market for the Common Shares or, subject to the terms of a written notice from the Company, by any other method permitted by law, including in negotiated transactions. Under the Common Stock Sales Agreement, the Common Stock Sales Agents will be entitled to compensation equal to up to 2.0% of the gross proceeds of the Common Shares they sell from time to time under the Common Stock Sales Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Common Stock Sales Agreement, the Common Stock Sales Agreement. The Company efforts to sell on the Company's behalf any Common Shares to be offered by the Company under the Common Stock Sales Agreement. The Company may only instruct one Common Stock Sales Agreement, and the Company or Common Stock Sales Agents may at any time suspend solicitations and offers under the Common Stock Sales Agreement.

The Common Shares will be issued pursuant to the Company's Registration Statement on FormS-3 (File No. 333-229209), as amended or replaced from time to time (the "Registration Statement"). The Company has filed a prospectus supplement, dated December 3, 2019, to the prospectus, dated February 13, 2019, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") in connection with the offer and sale of the Common Shares.

The foregoing description of the Common Stock Sales Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Common Stock Sales Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated herein by reference. In connection with the foregoing, the Company is filing as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K the opinion of Venable LLP, its Maryland counsel.

### Entry into Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement

On December 3, 2019, the Company and the Operating Partnership entered into that certainAt-the-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement (the "Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement"), with Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. (the "Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agents"), pursuant to which the Company may sell shares of its 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Series E Preferred Stock"), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million (the "Series E Preferred Shares"), from time to time through the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agents, acting as sales agents and/or principals.

Pursuant to the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, the Series E Preferred Shares may be offered and sold through the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, the market offerings" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act, including sales made directly on Nasdaq or any other existing trading market for the Series E Preferred Shares or, subject to the terms of a written notice from the Company, by any other method permitted by law, including in negotiated transactions. Under the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement to time under the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions of the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement. The Company may only instruct one Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agent to sell shares of Series E Preferred Stock on any single given day. The Company has no obligation to sell any of the Series E Preferred Shares under the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, and the Company or Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agents may at any time suspend solicitations and offers under the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement.

The Series E Preferred Shares will be issued pursuant to the Registration Statement. The Company has filed a prospectus supplement, dated December 3, 2019, to the prospectus, dated February 13, 2019, with the Commission in connection with the offer and sale of the Series E Preferred Shares.

The foregoing description of the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Series E Preferred Stock Sales Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 1.2 and incorporated herein by reference. In connection with the foregoing, the Company is filing as Exhibit 5.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K the opinion of Venable LLP, and as Exhibit 8.1 to this Current Report on Form8-K the opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC.

### Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Operating Partnership Agreement

On December 2, 2019, the Company, through its ownership of GCLP Business Trust II, the general partner of the Operating Partnership, amended the Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the "Partnership Agreement") of the Operating Agreement (the "Amendment") to, among other things, increase the number of 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units ("Series E Preferred Units"). The Amendment provides for the Operating Partnership's issuance of an equal number of Series E Preferred Units upon the Company's contribution to the Operating Partnership of the net proceeds from sales of its Series E Preferred Stock. Except as provided in the Amendment, all other terms of the Partnership Agreement remain unchanged.

The foregoing description of the Amendment is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On December 2, 2019, the Company filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland an Articles Supplementary reclassifying shares of the Company's 7.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series A Preferred Stock"), and 7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series B Preferred Stock"), as shares of Common Stock and Series E Preferred Stock, as the case may be, effectively increasing the total authorized number of the Common Stock to 86,290,000 and Series E Preferred Stock to 6,760,000. As a result of the reclassification, there are zero authorized shares of Series A Preferred Stock remaining and zero authorized shares of Series B Preferred Stock remaining. The foregoing description of the Articles Supplementary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Articles Supplementary, which are filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

As previously disclosed in a Current Report on Form8-K by the Company, the Company and the Operating Partnership terminated that certain Controlled Equity Offering<sup>SM</sup> Sales Agreement, dated September 2, 2014, as amended on February 22, 2016 (the "Prior Sales Agreement"), with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (the "Prior Sales Agent"), effective December 2, 2019. Since September 30, 2019 through December 2, 2019, the Company sold approximately 518,000 shares of Common Stock raising a total of approximately \$11.8 million in net proceeds under the Prior Sales Agreement with the Prior Sales Agent.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	At-the-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated December 3, 2019, by and among Gladstone Commercial Corporation, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, and Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, BTIG, LLC, and Fifth Third Securities, Inc. (Common Shares).
1.2	At-the-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated December 3, 2019, by and among Gladstone Commercial Corporation, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, and Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. (Series E Preferred Shares).
3.1	Articles Supplementary, filed with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation on December 2, 2019.
5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP regarding the legality of Common Shares.
5.2	Opinion of Venable LLP regarding the legality of Series E Preferred Shares.
8.1	Tax Opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC.
10.1	First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Gladstone Commercial Operating Partnership, dated December 2, 2019.
23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2).
23.3	Consent of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (included in Exhibit 8.1).

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### Gladstone Commercial Corporation (Registrant)

December 3, 2019

By: /s/ Michael Sodo

Michael Sodo Chief Financial Officer

### GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

Common Stock

(\$0.001 par value per share)

### AT-THE-MARKET EQUITY OFFERING SALES AGREEMENT

December 3, 2019

ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282

STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED 501 North Broadway, 10th Floor Saint Louis, Missouri 63102

BTIG, LLC 600 Montgomery Street, 6th Floor San Francisco, California 94111

FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati, Ohio 45263

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to issue and sell from time to time to or through Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("Baird"), Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC ('Goldman"), Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated ("Stifel"), BTIG, LLC ("BTIG") and Fifth Third Securities, Inc. ("Fifth Third") as sales agents and principals (each of Baird, Goldman, Stifel, BTIG and Fifth Third, individually an "Agent" and collectively, the "Agents"), shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$250,000,000 on the terms set forth in Section 2 of this At-The-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement (this "Agreement"). The Company is the indirect general partner of Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), a Delaware limited partnership that serves as the Company's primary operating partnership subsidiary. The Company agrees that whenever it determines to sell Shares directly to an Agent as principal, it will enter into a separate agreement (each, a "Terms Agreement") in substantially the form of Annex I hereto, relating to such sale in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.

Section 1. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The Company and the Operating Partnership hereby jointly and severally represent and warrant to each of the Agents that as of the date of this Agreement, any applicable Registration Statement Amendment Date (as defined in Section 3 below), each Company Periodic Report Date (as defined in Section 3 below), each Applicable Time (as defined in Section 1(a) below) and each Settlement Date (as defined in Section 2 below):

(a) <u>Compliance with Registration Requirements</u>. The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*1933 Act*"), on Form S-3 (File No. 333-229209), in respect of the Company's Common Stock (including the Shares) (collectively, the "*Securities*") has become effective within three years prior to the date hereof; such registration statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto has become effective; and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement or any part thereof is in effect and no proceedings for such purpose

have been instituted or are pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, are contemplated or threatened by the Commission (the base prospectus filed as part of such registration statement, in the form in which it has most recently been filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement, is hereinafter called the "Base Prospectus"; the various parts of such registration statement, including all exhibits thereto and any prospectus supplement relating to the Shares that is filed with the Commission and deemed by virtue of Rule 430B to be part of such registration statement, each as amended at the time such part of the registration statement became effective, are hereinafter collectively called the "Registration Statement"; the prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Shares prepared and filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act is hereinafter called the "Prospectus Supplement"; the Base Prospectus, as amended and supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, is hereinafter called the "Prospectus"; any reference herein to the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act; any reference to any amendment or supplement to the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, any prospectus supplement relating to the Shares filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act and any documents filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1934 Act") Regulations"), and incorporated therein, in each case after the date of the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, as the case may be; any reference to any amendment to the Registration Statement shall be deemed to refer to and include any annual report of the Company filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the 1934 Act after the effective date of the Registration Statement that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement; and any "issuer free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 433 under the 1933 Act relating to the Shares is hereinafter called an "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus").

The sale of the Shares hereunder meets the requirements of General Instruction I.B.1 of FormS-3.

No order preventing or suspending the use of the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus is in effect and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company are contemplated or threatened by the Commission, and the Base Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, at the time of filing thereof, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1933 Act Regulations") and did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the "*Applicable Time*" means, with respect to any Shares, the time of sale of such Shares pursuant to this Agreement; the Prospectus and the applicable Issuer Free Writing Prospectus(es) issued at or prior to such Applicable Time, taken together (collectively, and, with respect to any Shares, together with the public offering price of such Shares, the "*General Disclosure Package*") as of each Applicable Time and each Settlement Date, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each applicable Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as supplemented by and taken together with the General Disclosure Package as of such Applicable Time, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each applicable Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as supplemented by and taken together with the General Disclosure Package as of such Applicable Time, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(b) <u>Incorporation of Documents by Reference</u>. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission or became effective under the 1934 Act, as the case may be, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations, and, when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, (a) at the time the Registration Statement became effective, (b) at the time the Prospectus was issued and (c) on the date of this Agreement, did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(c) Independent Accountants. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, which has expressed its opinion with respect to the financial statements (which term as used in this Agreement includes the related notes thereto) and supporting schedules filed with the Commission as a part of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, is (i) an independent registered public accounting firm as required by the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act and the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("*PCAOB*"), (ii) in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule2-01 of Regulation S-X under the 1933 Act and (iii) a registered public accounting firm as defined by the PCAOB whose registration has not been suspended or revoked and who has not requested such registration to be withdrawn.

(d) Financial Statements. The financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries (as defined below) as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the periods specified. The supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement present fairly, in all material respects, the information required to be stated therein. Such financial statements and supporting schedules have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied in the United States ("GAAP") and applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, except as may be expressly stated in the related notes thereto. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. No other financial statements or supporting schedules are required to be included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and any free writing prospectus that constitute non-GAAP financial measures (as defined by the rules and regulations under the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act) comply in all material respects with Regulation G under the 1934 Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the 1933 Act, as applicable. To the Company's knowledge, no person who has been suspended or barred from being associated with a registered public accounting firm, or who has failed to comply with any sanction pursuant to Rule 5300 promulgated by the PCAOB, has participated in or otherwise aided the preparation of, or audited, the financial statements, supporting schedules or other financial data filed with the Commission as a part of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(e) No Material Adverse Change. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business, properties, operations, assets or prospects, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, of the Company and its Subsidiaries, considered as one entity (any such change or effect, where the context so requires is called a "Material Adverse Change" or a "Material Adverse Effect"); (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries, considered as one entity, have not incurred any material liability or obligation, indirect, direct or contingent, including, without limitation, any losses or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood, earthquakes, accident or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any strike, labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, that are material, individually or in the aggregate, to the Company and its Subsidiaries, considered as one entity, or has entered into any transactions not in the ordinary course of business; and (iii) there has not been any material decrease in the capital stock or any material increase in any short-term or long-term indebtedness of the Company or its Subsidiaries and there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company (except for dividends on shares of (1) the Common Stock, (2) the Company's senior common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, (3) the Company's 7.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and (4) the Company's 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, in amounts per share that are consistent with past practice) or, except for dividends paid to the Company or other Subsidiaries, by any of the Company's Subsidiaries on any class of capital stock, or any repurchase or redemption by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of any class of capital stock. As used herein, "Subsidiary" or "Subsidiaries" means each of the entities included in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or as provided on Schedule 1 to this Agreement, other than any subsidiaries of the Company, which when taken together as a whole, would not constitute a "significant subsidiary" within the meaning of Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X.

(f) Incorporation and Good Standing of the Company. The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland and has the corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change.

(g) Organization and Good Standing of the Operating Partnership. The Operating Partnership has been duly formed and is validly existing as a limited partnership in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has all power and authority (limited partnership or other) to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Operating Partnership is duly qualified as a foreign limited partnership to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. The aggregate percentage interests of the Company and the limited partners in the Operating Partnership are as set forth in the General Disclosure Package.

(h) <u>Subsidiaries</u>. Each of the Company's Subsidiaries has been duly incorporated or organized, as the case may be, and is validly existing as a corporation, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization and has the power and authority (corporate or other) to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. Each of the Company's Subsidiaries is duly qualified as a foreign corporation, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other equity or ownership interests of each of the Company's Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance or adverse claim. The Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the Subsidiaries.

(i) Capitalization and Other Capital Stock Matters. The Company's authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock is as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (other than for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to employee benefit plans, dividend reinvestment plan, or issuances of the Company's capital stock, including through the Company's at-the-market programs, in each case described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus). The Shares conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package. All of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and have been issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws. None of the outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock were issued in violation of any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities of the Company. There are no authorized or outstanding options, warrants, preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase, or equity or debt securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, any capital stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries other than those described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. All of the issued and outstanding units of limited partner interest in the Operating Partnership (the "Units") have been duly authorized and validly issued, and have been offered and sold in compliance with all applicable laws (including, without limitation, federal or state securities laws). The terms of the Units conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package. (i) no Units are reserved for any purpose, (ii) there are no outstanding securities convertible into or exchangeable for any Units, and (iii) there are no outstanding options, rights (preemptive or otherwise) or warrants to purchase or subscribe for Units or any other securities of the Operating Partnership. The descriptions of the Company's stock option, stock bonus and other stock plans or arrangements, and the options or other rights granted thereunder, set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus accurately and fairly present the information required to be shown with respect to such plans, arrangements, options and rights.

(j) <u>Stock Exchange Listing</u>. The Company's Common Stock has been registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the 1934 Act and is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market ("*Nasdaq*"), and the Company has taken no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration or listing of the Common Stock from Nasdaq, nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission or Nasdaq is contemplating terminating such registration or listing.

(k) Authorization of Agreements. This Agreement has been, and any Terms Agreement will be, executed and delivered by the Company.

(1) <u>Authorization and Description of Securities</u>. The Shares have been duly authorized and reserved for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and, when issued and delivered by the Company against payment therefor pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement against payment of the consideration set forth herein, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable; no holder of the Shares will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder, and the issuance and sale of the Shares is not subject to any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other similar rights to subscribe for or purchase the Shares.

(m) Non-Contravention of Existing Instruments; No Further Authorizations or Approvals Required Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of its charter or by-laws, partnership agreement or operating agreement or similar organizational documents, as applicable, or is in default (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, would be in default) ("Default") under any indenture, loan, credit agreement, note, lease, license agreement, contract, franchise or other instrument (including, without limitation, any pledge agreement, security agreement, mortgage or other instrument or agreement evidencing, guaranteeing, securing or relating to indebtedness) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of their respective properties or assets are subject (each, an "Existing Instrument"), except for such Defaults as could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and the Operating Partnership's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and any Terms Agreement, consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and by the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and the issuance and sale of the Shares (including the use of proceeds from the sale of the Shares as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds"); (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or limited partnership action, as applicable, and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws, partnership agreement or operating agreement or similar organizational documents, as applicable, of the Company or any Subsidiary; (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or Default or a Debt Repayment Triggering Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any Existing Instrument; and (iii) will not result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree applicable to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except, with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), for such violations, conflicts, breaches, Defaults or Debt Repayment Triggering Events as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency, is required for the Company and the Operating Partnership's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except such as have been obtained or made by the Company and the Operating Partnership and are in full force and effect under the 1933 Act and such as may be required under applicable state securities or blue sky laws or the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). As used herein, a "Debt Repayment Triggering Event" means any event or condition which gives, or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would give, the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(n) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries have been and are in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, except where failure to be so in compliance would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(o) <u>No Material Actions or Proceedings</u>. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package, there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation brought by or before any governmental entity now pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, against or affecting the

Company or any of its Subsidiaries, which could be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect or materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder; and the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any such Subsidiary is a party or of which any of their respective properties or assets is the subject, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, if determined adversely to the Company, could not be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(p) <u>Accuracy of Exhibits</u>. There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein or to be filed as exhibits thereto which have not been so described and filed as required.

(q) Intellectual Property Rights. The Company and its Subsidiaries own or possess all inventions, patent applications, patents, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), trade names, service names, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary information described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and as being owned or licensed by any of them or which is necessary for the conduct of, or material to, any of their respective businesses (collectively, the "Intellectual Property"), and the Company is unaware of any claim to the contrary or any challenge by any other person to the rights of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the Intellectual Property; neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has infringed or is infringing the intellectual property of a third party, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received notice of a claim by a third party to the contrary.

(r) <u>Absence of Further Requirements</u>. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under FINRA, Nasdaq, the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations or state securities laws.

(s) <u>No Price Stabilization or Manipulation</u>. The Company (and to the Company's knowledge, any of its affiliates) has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute, or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(t) <u>All Necessary Permits, etc</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries possess such valid and current certificates, authorizations or permits required by state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies to conduct their respective businesses as currently conducted and as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus ("*Permits*"), except where the failure to possess such Permits would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of, or in default under, any of the Permits or has received, or reasonably believes that it will receive, any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could result in a Material Adverse Change.

(u) <u>Title to Properties</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries, including the Operating Partnership, have good and marketable title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, each real property described or identified in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement as owned or leased by them (individually, a "*Property*," and together the "*Properties*"), in each case free and clear of any security interests, mortgages, liens, encumbrances, equities, adverse claims and other defects, except such as are disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package except as would not result in a Material Adverse Change. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary owns or leases any real property, except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus. Each of the Properties complies with all applicable codes, laws and regulations (including, without limitation, building and zoning codes, laws and regulations and laws relating to access to the Properties), except to the extent disclosed in Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and except for such failures to comply that would not have a Material Adverse Change. Each Property with respect to which a certificate of need or similar approval to operate the Property is required is presently, and at the Closing Date will be, operating pursuant to a current, valid certificate of need or similar

certificate except as would not have a Material Adverse Change. The Company does not have knowledge of any pending or threatened condemnation proceeding, zoning change, or other proceeding or action that will in any manner affect the size of, improvements on, construction on or access to a Property, except such proceedings or actions that would not have a Material Adverse Change.

(v) Mortgages. All of the mortgages and/or deeds of trust described or identified in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the borrower thereunder (the "Borrower"), and are enforceable in accordance with their terms and except as set forth in or contemplated in the Prospectus, Registration Statement or General Disclosure Package. To the best of the Company's and the Operating Partnership's knowledge, no Borrower is in default in the payment of any amounts due under any such mortgage and/or deed of trust and no party thereto is in breach or default under any of such agreements except where such breach or default would not have a Material Adverse Change. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or as would not result in a Material Adverse Change, none of the mortgages and/or deeds of trust will be (i) convertible (in the absence of foreclosure) into an equity interest in the entity owning such Property or in the Company or any Subsidiaries, or (iii) cross-defaulted to any other indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiaries, or (iii) cross-collateralized to any property or assets not owned directly or indirectly by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(w) <u>Acquisitions</u>. There are no contracts, letters of intent, term sheets, agreements, arrangements or understandings with respect to the acquisition or disposition by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of the Properties that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and which have not been described therein.

(x) <u>Company and Operating Partnership Not "Investment Companies.</u>" Each of the Company and the Operating Partnership is not, and will not be, either after receipt of payment for the Shares or after the application of the proceeds therefrom as described under "Use of Proceeds" in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

(y) <u>Compliance with Environmental Laws</u>. Except as could not be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any federal, state, local or foreign statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or rule of common law or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient and indoor air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, or relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products (collectively, "*Hazardous Materials*") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "*Environmental Laws*"); (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries have all permits, authorizations and approvals required under any applicable Environmental Laws and are each in compliance with their requirements; (iii) there are no pending or threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigation or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; and (iv) there are no events or circumstances that might reasonably be expected to form the basis of an order for clean-up or remediation, or an action, suit, claim, demand or proceeding by any private party or governmental body or agency that would result in a Material Adverse Change, against or affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries relating to Hazardous Materials or any Environmental Laws.

(z) <u>Registration Rights</u>. There are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise by the Company under the 1933 Act.

(aa) <u>Company's Accounting System</u>. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries make and keep accurate books and records and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(bb) Disclosure Controls and Procedures: Deficiencies in or Changes to Internal Control Over Financial Reporting The Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the 1934 Act), which (i) are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's principal executive officer and its principal financial officer by others within those entities, particularly during the periods in which the periodic reports required under the 1934 Act are being prepared; (ii) have been evaluated by management of the Company for effectiveness as of the end of the Company's most recent fiscal quarter; and (iii) are effective in all material respects to perform the functions for which they were established. Since the end of the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company is not aware of any change in its internal control over financial reporting that has occurred during its most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affected.

(cc) <u>S-3 Eligibility</u>. (A)(i) At the time of filing the Registration Statement and (ii) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act or form of prospectus), the Company met the then applicable requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and (B) at the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) under the 1933 Act) of the Shares, the Company was not an "ineligible issuer" as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act.

(dd) <u>No Commissions</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than as contemplated by this Agreement or any Terms Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the Agents for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares.

(ee) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley</u>. The Company is in compliance, in all material respects, with all applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(ff) <u>FINRA Exemption</u>. To enable the Agents to rely on Rule 5110(b)(7)(C)(i) of FINRA, the Company represents that the Company (i) has a non-affiliate, public common equity float of at least \$150 million or anon-affiliate, public common equity float of at least \$100 million and annual trading volume of at least three million shares and (ii) has been subject to the 1934 Act reporting requirements for a period of at least 36 months.

(gg) <u>Relationships and Related Parties</u>. No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or its Subsidiaries on one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders, partners, members, tenants or suppliers of the Company or its Subsidiaries, on the other hand, which is required by the rules of FINRA to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus which is not described. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, the Company and its Subsidiaries have not, directly or indirectly, extended credit, arranged to extend credit or renewed any extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan, to or for any director or officer of the Company or its Subsidiaries, or to or for any family member or affiliate of any such director or officer.

(hh) <u>Tax Law Compliance</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries have filed all necessary federal, state and foreign income and franchise tax returns or have properly requested extensions thereof, except in any case in which the failure to so file would not result in a Material Adverse Effect, and have paid all taxes required to be paid by any of them and, if due and payable, any related or similar assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them except as may be being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or as would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has made adequate charges, accruals and reserves in the applicable financial statements referred to in Section 1(d) above in respect of all federal, state and foreign income and franchise taxes for all periods as to which the tax liability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has not been finally determined.

(ii) <u>Insurance</u>. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries are insured by recognized, financially sound and reputable institutions with policies in such amounts and with such deductibles and covering such risks as are generally deemed adequate and customary for their businesses including, but not limited to, policies covering real and personal property owned or leased by the Company and its Subsidiaries against theft, damage, destruction, acts of vandalism and earthquakes. The Company has no reason to believe that it or any of its Subsidiaries will not be able (i) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (ii) to obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company, Operating Partnership or another Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, has obtained title insurance on the fee interests in each of their properties, in an amount that is commercially reasonable for each property. All such policies of insurance are in full force and effect.

(jj) <u>Statistical and Market-Related Data</u>. All statistical, demographic and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(kk) <u>No Unlawful Contributions or Other Payments</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the best of the Company's knowledge, any employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary, has made any contribution or other payment to any official of, or candidate for, any federal, state or foreign office in violation of any law or of the character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus.

(II) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has, in the course of its actions for, or on behalf of, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to political activity; (ii) made any direct or indirect unlawful payment to any domestic government official, "foreign official" (as defined in the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "*FCPA*") or employee from corporate funds; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the FCPA or any applicable non-U.S. anti-bribery statute or regulation; or (iv) made any unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment to any domestic government official, such foreign official or employee; and the Company and its Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, the Company's affiliates have conducted their respective businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(mm) <u>Money Laundering Laws</u>. The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries are, and have been conducted at all times, in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar applicable rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "*Money Laundering Laws*") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(nn) <u>OFAC</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, after due inquiry, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("*OFAC*"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of this offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, or any joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of or business with any person, or in any country or territory, that currently is the subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(oo) ERISA Compliance. The Company and its Subsidiaries are not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder.

(pp) <u>Agent Relationships</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, none of the Company, its Subsidiaries or their affiliates (i) have any material lending or other relationships with any bank or lending affiliate of any Agent or (ii) intend to use any of the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of any Agent.

(qq) <u>Qualification as a REIT</u>. Commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 2003, the Company has been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation, and has elected to be treated (which election has not been revoked or withdrawn) as a real estate investment trust ("*REIT*") under the Code, and will continue to operate in a manner that will enable it to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for its taxable year ending December 31, 2019 and thereafter. The statements regarding the Company's qualification and taxation as a REIT and the description of the Company's organization and current and proposed method of operation (insomuch as they relate to the Company's qualification as a REIT) set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus are accurate and fair summaries of the legal and tax matters described therein in all material respects. The Operating Partnership has been properly classified either as a partnership or as an entity disregarded as separate from the Company for Federal income tax purposes throughout the period from its formation through the date hereof.

(rr) Leases. The lease agreements between the Company, or any Subsidiary and the tenants at the Properties (the 'Leases''), are valid and enforceable in all material respects by the Company and/or its Subsidiary except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforceability of creditors' rights generally and rules of law governing specific performance, injunctive relief and other equitable remedies, and, to the best of the Company's and the Operating Partnership's knowledge, no tenants are in default in the payment of any amounts due under any such Lease and no party thereto is in breach or default under any of such agreements except where such breach or default would not result in a Material Adverse Change.

(ss) <u>Cybersecurity</u>. Except as could not be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, (A) there has been no security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure, or other compromise relating to the Company's or its Subsidiaries' information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data and databases (including the personal data and information of their respective customers, employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained, processed or stored by the Company and its Subsidiaries), equipment or technology (collectively, "*IT Systems and Data*"); (B) neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries have actual knowledge of any security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data or to any data processed or stored by third parties on behalf of the Company and its Subsidiaries and (C) the Company and its Subsidiaries have implemented commercially reasonable controls, policies, procedures, and technological safeguards to maintain and protect the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of their IT Systems and Data. The Company and its Subsidiaries are presently in compliance with all applicable laws, all judgments and orders specifically directed to the Company or its Subsidiaries and all rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or its Subsidiaries, and internal policies relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company, the Operating Partnership or any of the Company's Subsidiaries and delivered to any Agent or to counsel for the Agents in connection with the offering, or the purchase and sale, of the Shares shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company or the Operating Partnership, as applicable, to each Agent as to the matters covered thereby.

#### Section 2. Sale and Delivery of Shares.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to issue and sell through an Agent acting as sales agent or directly to an Agent acting as principal from time to time (the "*Designated Agent*"), and the Designated Agent agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell as sales agent for the Company, the Shares. Sales of the Shares, if any, through the Designated Agent acting as sales agent or directly to the Designated Agent acting as principal will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions on Nasdaq, in negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices or by any other method deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the 1933 Act. Other than Section 3(0), nothing contained herein restricts, nor may be deemed to restrict, the Company from undertaking another offering of its securities, including pursuant to separate registrations under the 1933 Act (or any exemption from such registration), or another offering under the Registration Statement.

(b) Subject to instructions to sell Shares delivered pursuant to this Section 2(b) or the applicable Terms Agreement, the Shares are to be sold on a daily basis or otherwise as shall be agreed to by the Company and the Designated Agent on that trading day (other than a day on which Nasdaq is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time, each, a "Trading Day") that the Company has satisfied its obligations under Section 6 of this Agreement and that the Company has instructed the Designated Agent to make such sales. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing limitation shall not apply to sales solely to employees or security holders of the Company or its Subsidiaries, or to a trustee or other person acquiring such securities for the accounts of such persons in which the Designated Agent is acting for the Company in a capacity other than as Agent under this Agreement. On any Trading Day, the Company may instruct the Designated Agent by telephone (confirmed promptly by telecopy or email, which confirmation will be promptly acknowledged by the Designated Agent) as to the maximum dollar value of Shares or number of Shares to be sold by the Designated Agent on such day (in any event not in excess of the number available for issuance under the Prospectus and the currently effective Registration Statement) and the minimum price per Share at which such Shares may be sold and in accordance with such other terms specified by the Company in connection with such instruction. For purposes of this Section 2, the notice parties for each of the Company and the Agents are set forth on Schedule 2 to this Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Designated Agent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell as sales agent all of the Shares so designated by the Company and in the manner and on the terms so designated by the Company. The Company and the Designated Agent each acknowledge and agree that (A) there can be no assurance that the Designated Agent will be successful in selling the Shares, (B) the Designated Agent will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or any other person or entity if they do not sell Shares for any reason other than a failure by the Designated Agent to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell such Shares as required by this Agreement, and (C) the Designated Agent shall be under no obligation to purchase Shares on a principal basis except as otherwise specifically agreed by each of the Designated Agent and the Company pursuant to this Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of a Terms Agreement, the terms of such Terms Agreement will control. The Company agrees that any offer to sell, any solicitation of an offer to buy, or any sales of Shares by the Company shall be effected only by or through one Agent on any Trading Day.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not authorize the issuance and sale of, and the Designated Agent as sales agent shall not sell, any Shares (i) at a price lower than the minimum price therefor authorized from time to time, or (ii) in a number in excess of the number or maximum aggregated dollar value of Shares authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement, in each case, by the Company's board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing. In addition, the Company may, upon notice to the Designated Agent, suspend the offering of the Shares or the Designated Agent may, upon notice to the Company, suspend the offering of the Shares with respect to which the Designated Agent is acting as sales agent for any reason and at any time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such suspension or termination shall not affect or impair the parties' respective obligations with respect to the Shares sold hereunder prior to the giving of such notice. Any notice given pursuant to the preceding sentence may be given by telephone (confirmed promptly by telecopy or email, which confirmation will be promptly acknowledged).

(d) The gross sales price per share of any Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement by the Designated Agent acting as sales agent of the Company shall be the prevailing market price at the time of the sales of the Shares sold by the Designated Agent on Nasdaq or otherwise, at prices relating to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The compensation payable to the Designated Agent for sales of Shares with respect to which the Designated Agent acts as sales agent shall be up to 2.0% of the gross sales price of the Shares for amounts of Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement. The Company may sell Shares to the Designated Agent, acting as principal, at a price agreed upon with the Designated Agent at the relevant Applicable Time and pursuant to a separate Terms Agreement. The remaining proceeds, after further deduction for any transaction fees imposed by any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, authority, agency, court, administrative or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company in respect of such sales, shall constitute the net proceeds to the Company for such Shares (the "*Net Proceeds*"). The Designated Agent shall notify the Company as promptly as practicable if any deduction referenced in the preceding sentence will be required.

(e) If acting as a sales agent hereunder, the Designated Agent shall provide written confirmation to the Company following the close of trading on Nasdaq, each day in which Shares are sold under this Agreement setting forth the number of Shares sold on such day, the aggregate gross sales proceeds of the Shares, the Net Proceeds to the Company and the compensation payable by the Company to such Designated Agent with respect to such sales.

(f) Under no circumstances shall the aggregate offering price or number, as the case may be, of Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement and any Terms Agreement exceed the aggregate offering price or number, as the case may be, of Shares of Common Stock (i) set forth in the preamble paragraph of this Agreement, (ii) available for issuance under the Prospectus and the then currently effective Registration Statement or (iii) authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement by the Company's board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing. In addition, under no circumstances shall any Shares with respect to which the Designated Agent acts as sales agent be sold at a price lower than the minimum price therefor authorized from time to time by the Company's board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing.

(g) Settlement for sales of Shares pursuant to this Section 2 will occur on the second business day that is also a Trading Day following the trade date on which such sales are made, unless another date shall be agreed to by the Company and the Designated Agent (each such day, a "*Settlement Date*"). On each Settlement Date, the Shares sold through the Designated Agent for settlement on such date shall be delivered by the Company to the Designated Agent against payment of the Net Proceeds from the sale of such Shares. Settlement for all Shares shall be effected by book-entry delivery of Shares to the Designated Agent's account at The Depository Trust Company against payments by the Designated Agent of the Net Proceeds from the sale of such Shares in same day funds delivered to an account designated by the Company. If the Company shall default on its obligation to deliver Shares on any Settlement Date, the Company shall (i) indemnify and hold the Designated Agent harmless against any loss, claim or damage arising from or as a result of such default by the Company and (ii) pay the Designated Agent any commission to which it would otherwise be entitled absent such default.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Company and the Agents agree that no sales of Shares shall take place, and the Company shall not request the sale of any Shares that would be sold, and the Agents shall not be obligated to sell, during any period in which the Company's insider trading policy, as it exists on the date of this Agreement, would prohibit the purchases or sales of the Company's Common Stock by its officers or directors, or during any other period in which the Company is, or could be deemed to be, in possession of material non-public information.

(i) At each Applicable Time, Settlement Date, Registration Amendment Date and each Company Periodic Report Date, the Company shall be deemed to have affirmed each representation and warranty contained in this Agreement. Any obligation of the Agents to use their commercially reasonable efforts to sell the Shares on behalf of the Company as sales agent shall be subject to the continuing accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the continuing satisfaction of the additional conditions specified in Section 6 of this Agreement.

Section 3. Covenants. The Company and the Operating Partnership hereby agree with each of the Agents:

(a) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of Shares (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the 1933 Act), (i) to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (other than an amendment or supplement relating to an offering of the Company's securities which is unrelated to the offering of Shares hereunder) prior to any Settlement Date which shall be disapproved by the Agents promptly after reasonable notice thereof and to advise the Agents, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the time when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus (other than an amendment or supplement relating to an offering of the Company's securities which is unrelated to the offering of Shares hereunder) has been filed and to furnish the Agents with copies thereof, (ii) to file promptly all other material required to be filed by the Company with the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934

Act, (iv) to advise the Agents, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus or other prospectus in respect of the Shares, of the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose, or of any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the form of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information, and (v) in the event of the issuance of any such stop order or of any such order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus in respect of the Shares or suspending any such qualification, to promptly use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order; and in the event of any such issuance of a notice of objection, promptly to take such reasonable steps as may be necessary to permit offers and sales of the Shares by the Agents, which may include, without limitation, amending the Registration Statement or new registration statement). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be obligated to furnish copies of any report or statement filed with the Commission to the extent it is available on the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System ("*EDGAR*").

(b) Promptly from time to time to take such action as the Agents may reasonably request to qualify the Shares for offering and sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Agents may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the sale of the Shares; <u>provided</u> that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction; and to promptly advise the Agents of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offer or sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose.

(c) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required (whether physically or through compliance with Rules 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the 1933 Act) in connection with the offering or sale of Shares, the Company will make available to the Agents, as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement, and thereafter from time to time furnish to the Agents, copies of the most recent Prospectus in such quantities and at such locations as the Agents may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the 1933 Act. During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required (whether physically or through compliance with Rules 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the 1933 Act) in connection with the offering or sale of Shares, and if at such time any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact and thereason it shall be necessary during such same period to amend or supplement the Prospectus is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary during such same period to amend or supplement the Prospectus or to file under the 1934 Act any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus in order to comply with the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, to notify the Agents and to file such document and to prepare and furnish without charge to the Agents as many written and electronic copies as the Agents may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be obligated to furnish copies of any report or statement filed with the Commission to the extent it is available on EDGAR.

(d) To make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than sixteen months after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the 1933 Act), an earnings statement of the Company and its Subsidiaries (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158); provided, however, that, without limiting other methods of compliance with this Section 3(d), the Company's compliance with its periodic reporting requirements pursuant to the 1934 Act shall be deemed to satisfy the covenant set forth in this Section 3(d).

(e) To use the Net Proceeds received by it from the sale of the Shares in the manner specified in the General Disclosure Package.

(f) In connection with the offering and sale of the Shares, the Company will file with Nasdaq all documents and notices, and make all certifications, required by Nasdaq of companies that have securities that are listed on Nasdaq and will maintain such listings.

(g) To not take, directly or indirectly, and to cause its affiliates to refrain from taking, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, under the 1934 Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(h) At each Applicable Time, each Settlement Date, each Registration Statement Amendment Date (as defined below), each date on which the Company files an Annual Report on Form 10-K or a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (each, a "Company Periodic Report Date") and each date on which Shares are delivered to an Agent pursuant to a Terms Agreement, the Company shall be deemed to have affirmed each representation, warranty, covenant and other agreement contained in this Agreement or any Terms Agreement. In each Annual Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Company in respect of any quarter in which sales of Shares were made by or through an Agent under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, the Company shall set forth with regard to such quarter the number of Shares sold through the Agents under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement and the Net Proceeds received by the Company with respect to sales of Shares pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement.

(i) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement and each time the Shares are delivered to an Agent as principal on a Settlement Date pursuant to a Terms Agreement and promptly after each (i) date the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be amended or supplemented (other than (1) by an amendment or supplement providing solely for the determination of the terms of the Shares, (2) in connection with the filing of a prospectus supplement that contains solely the information set forth in Section 3(h), (3) in connection with the filing of any current reports on Form 8-K (other than any current reports on Form8-K which contain financial statements, supporting schedules or other financial data, including any current report on Form 8-K under Item 2.02 of such form that is considered "filed" under the 1934 Act) or (4) by a prospectus supplement relating to the offering of other securities (including, without limitation, other shares of Common Stock)) (each such date, a "Registration Statement Amendment Date"), and (ii) Company Periodic Report Date, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished forthwith to the Agents a certificate dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment or the date of filing with the Commission of such supplement or other document, as the case may be, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents to the effect that the statements contained in the certificate referred to in Section 6(f) of this Agreement which were last furnished to the Agents are true and correct at the time of such amendment, supplement or filing, as the case may be, as though made at and as of such time (except that such statements shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to such time) or, in lieu of such certificate, a certificate of the same tenor as the certificate referred to in said Section 6(f), but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented, or to the document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus, to the time of delivery of such certificate. As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time on or following the date referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, promptly shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to deliver any such certificate at any time there is no instruction to sell Shares delivered pursuant to Section 2(b) then in effect; provided, however, that such a certificate shall then be required to be delivered to the Agents prior to any further sales of Shares under this Agreement covering the period which would most recently have been required but for this sentence.

(j) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement, and, unless expressly waived by the Agents, promptly after each (i) Registration Statement Amendment Date and (ii) Company Periodic Report Date, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Agents and to counsel to the Agents the written opinion of each Company counsel and negative assurance letter of its corporate and securities counsel, currently, Bass, Berry & Sims PLC ("*BB&S*"), dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment or the date of filing with the Commission of such supplement or other document, as the case may be, in a form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel, of the same tenor as the opinions and letters referred to in Section 6(c) of this Agreement, but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented, or to the document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus, to the time of delivery of such opinion and letter, counsel last furnishing such letter to the Agents

shall furnish such Agents with a letter substantially to the effect that the Agents may rely on such last opinion and letter to the same extent as though each were dated the date of such letter authorizing reliance (except that statements in such last letter shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such letter authorizing reliance). As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time on or following the date referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, promptly shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to furnish or cause to be furnished any such opinion or statement at any time there are no instructions to sell Shares delivered pursuant to Section 2(b) or a Terms Agreement then in effect; provided, however, that such an opinion or letter shall then be required to the furnished to the Agents prior to any further sales of Shares under this Agreement covering the period which would most recently have been required but for this sentence.

(k) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement, and, unless expressly waived by the Agents, promptly after each (i) Registration Statement Amendment Date and (ii) Company Periodic Report Date, the Company will cause its independent accountants, currently PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, to furnish to the Agents a letter, dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment or the date of filing of such supplement or other document with the Commission, as the case may be, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel, of the same tenor as the letter referred to in Section 6(d) hereof, but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, as amended and supplemented, or to the document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus, to the date of such letter. As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to furnish or cause to be furnished any such letter or certificate at any time there are no instructions to sell shares delivered pursuant to Section 2(b) or a Terms Agreement then in effect; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such a letter or certificate, as the case may be, shall then be required to the Agents prior to any further sales of Shares under this Agreement covering the period which would most recently have been required but for this sentence.

(1) The Company consents to the Agents trading in the Company's Common Stock for each such Agent's own account and for the account of its clients at the same time as sales of Shares occur pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement.

(m) If, to the actual knowledge of the Company, all filings required by Rule 424 in connection with this offering shall not have been made or the representations in Section 1(a) shall not be true and correct on the applicable Settlement Date, the Company will offer to any person who has agreed to purchase Shares from the Company as the result of an offer to purchase solicited by the Designated Agent the right to refuse to purchase and pay for such Shares.

(n) The Company will cooperate timely with any reasonable due diligence review conducted by the Agents or their counsel from time to time in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or in any Terms Agreement, including, without limitation, and upon reasonable notice providing information and making available documents and appropriate corporate officers, during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices, as the Agents may reasonably request.

(o) During each period commencing on the date on which the Company has given an instruction pursuant to Section 2(b) and ending on the close of business of the Settlement Date of the last Shares sold pursuant to such instruction, the Company will not, without (i) giving the Agents at least two business days' prior written notice specifying the nature of the proposed sale and the date of such proposed sale and (ii) the Agents suspending activity under this program for such period of time as requested by the Company or as deemed appropriate by the Agents in light of the proposed sale, (A) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Common Stock, or file any registration statement on Form S-8 or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement) or (B) enter into any swap or other agreement or any transaction that transfers in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, any so the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for

or repayable with Common Stock, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (A) or (B) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (a) the Shares to be offered and sold through the Agents pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, (b) equity incentive awards approved by the board of directors of the Company or the compensation committee thereof or the issuance of Common Stock upon exercise thereof, (c) shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan as it may be amended or replaced from time to time, (d) issuance of shares of Common Stock in connection with the conversion of any units of the Operating Partnership, (e) shares of the Company's senior common stock issued pursuant to the Company's senior common stock dividend reinvestment plan or (f) shares of Common Stock issuable to holders of the Company's senior common stock issued and outstanding as of the date of this Agreement who elect to exchange their shares of senior common stock into Shares of Common Stock, pursuant to the terms of the Company's offering of its senior common stock.

(p) If immediately prior to the third anniversary (the "*Renewal Deadline*") of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement, any of the Shares remain unsold, the Company will, prior to the Renewal Deadline file, if it has not already done so and is eligible to do so, an "automatic shelf registration statement" (as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act) relating to the Shares, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents. If the Company is not eligible to file an automatic shelf registration statement, the Company will, prior to the Renewal Deadline, if it has not already done so, file a new shelf registration statement relating to the Shares, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents, and, if such new shelf registration statement is filed pursuant to this Section 3(p), the Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective within 60 days after the Renewal Deadline. The Company will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the issuance and sale of the Shares to continue as contemplated in the expired registration statement relating to the Shares. References herein to the Registration Statement shall include any such new automatic shelf registration statement or any such new shelf registration statement, as the case may be.

(q) The Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code, currently intends to continue to qualify as a REIT under the Code and will use all reasonable efforts to enable the Company to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for subsequent tax years that include any portion of the term of this Agreement.

#### Section 4. Free Writing Prospectus.

(a) (i) The Company represents and agrees that without the prior consent of the Agents (which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a "free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act; and

(ii) each Agent represents and agrees that, without the prior consent of the Company (which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a free writing prospectus required to be filed with the Commission.

(b) The Company has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 under the 1933 Act applicable to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (including any free writing prospectus identified in Section 4(a) hereof), including timely filing with the Commission or retention where required and legending.

Section 5. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>. The Company covenants and agrees with the Agents that the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (a) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and accountants in connection with the registration of the Shares under the 1933 Act and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, Prospectus Supplement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Agents; (b) the cost of printing or producing this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, any blue sky memoranda, closing documents (including any compilations thereof) and any other documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares; (c) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 3(b) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Agents in connection with such qualification and in connection with the blue sky surveys; (d) any filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of

counsel for the Agents in connection with any required review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Shares; (e) all fees and expenses in connection with listing or quoting the Shares on Nasdaq; (f) the cost of preparing the Shares; (g) the costs and charges of any transfer agent or registrar or any dividend distribution agent; and (h) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section 5. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section 5 and Section 7 hereof, the Agents will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of its counsel, transfer taxes on resale of any of the Shares by it, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers it may make.

Section 6. <u>Conditions of Agents' Obligation</u>. The obligations of the Agents hereunder shall be subject, in its discretion, to the condition that all representations and warranties and other statements of the Company and the Operating Partnership herein or in certificates of any officer of the Company and the Operating Partnership, as applicable, delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof are true and correct as of the time of the execution of this Agreement, the date of any executed Terms Agreement and as of each Registration Statement Amendment Date, Company Periodic Report Date, Applicable Time and Settlement Date, to the condition that the Company and the Operating Partnership shall have performed all of their obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed, and the following additional conditions:

(a) The Prospectus Supplement shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with and pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act on or prior to the date hereof and in accordance with Section 3(a) hereof, any other material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the 1933 Act shall have been filed with the Commission within the applicable time periods prescribed for such filings by Rule 433; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and all requests for additional information on the part of the Commission shall have been complied with the reasonable satisfaction of the Agents.

(b) On every date specified in Section 3(j) hereof and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, Cooley LLP, counsel for the Agents, shall have furnished to the Agents such written opinion or opinions, dated as of such date, with respect to such matters as the Agents may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such papers and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

(c) On every date specified in Section 3(j) hereof and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, BB&S, counsel for the Company and the Operating Partnership, and Venable LLP, counsel for the Company with respect to certain matters of Maryland law, respectively shall have furnished to the Agents written opinion or opinions and, with respect to BB&S only, a written negative assurance letter, each dated as of such date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents.

(d) At the dates specified in Section 3(k) hereof and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, the independent accountants of the Company who have certified the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus shall have furnished to the Agents a letter dated as of the date of delivery thereof and addressed to the Agents in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(e) Prior to commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement, the Agents shall have received a certificate, signed on behalf of the Company by its corporate Secretary, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel.

(f) (i) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished promptly to the Agents a certificate of an officer in a form satisfactory to the Agents stating the minimum price for the sale of such Shares pursuant to this Agreement and the maximum number of Shares that may be issued and sold pursuant to this Agreement or, alternatively, maximum gross proceeds from such sales, as authorized from time to time by the

Company's board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof or, in connection with any amendment, revision or modification of such minimum price or maximum Share number or amount, a new certificate with respect thereto and (ii) on each date specified in Section 3(h), the Agents shall have received a certificate executed by the Chief Executive Officer or President of the Company, the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and an appropriate officer of the Operating Partnership, dated as of the date thereof, to the effect that (A) there has been no Material Adverse Effect since the date as of which information is given in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented, (B) the representations and warranties in Section 1 hereof are true and correct as of such date and (C) the Company and the Operating Partnership have complied with all of the agreements entered into in connection with the transaction contemplated herein and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied.

(g) Since the date of the latest audited financial statements then included or incorporated by reference in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred.

(h) The Company shall have complied with the provisions of Section 3(c) hereof with respect to the timely furnishing of prospectuses.

(i) On such dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, the Company shall have conducted due diligence sessions, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents.

(j) All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the 1933 Act to have been filed by each Applicable Time or related Settlement Date shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424 (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)).

(k) The Shares shall have received approval for listing or quotation on Nasdaq prior to the first Settlement Date.

(1) Prior to any Settlement Date, the Company and the Operating Partnership shall have furnished to the Agents such further information, documents or certificates as the Agents may reasonably request.

#### Section 7. Indemnification.

(a) The Company and the Operating Partnership, jointly and severally, will indemnify and hold harmless the Agents against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which the Agents may become subject, under the 1933 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any "issuer information" filed or required to be filed pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the 1933 Act, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse the Agents for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Agents in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; <u>provided, however</u>, that neither Company nor the Operating Partnership shall be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, in reliance upon and in strict conformity with the Agent Information (as defined below).

(b) Each Agent, severally but not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the Operating Partnership against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company may become subject, under the 1933 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or

omission or alleged omission was made in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, or any such amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, in reliance upon and in strict conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Agents expressly for use therein; and will reimburse the Company for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred. The Company and the Operating Partnership hereby acknowledge that the only information that the Agents has furnished to the Company expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, are the names of the Agents and the statements set forth in the ninth paragraph under the caption "Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus (the "*Agent Information*").

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such subsection except and then only to the extent such indemnifying party is materially prejudiced thereby. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall not the extent such indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 7 for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (i) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 7 is unavailable to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand and the Agents on the other from the offering of the Shares to which such loss, claim, damage or liability (or action in respect thereof) relates. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand and the Agents on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand and the Agents on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total commissions received by the Agents. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand or the Agents on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company, the Operating Partnership and the Agents agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7(d) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 7(d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7(d), no Agent shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which

the total compensation received by such Agent with respect to sales of the Shares sold by it to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Agent has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Agents' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7(d) are several in proportion to the respective number of Shares they have sold hereunder, and not joint.

(e) The obligations of the Company and the Operating Partnership under this Section 7 shall be in addition to any liability which the Company and the Operating Partnership may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to the directors, officers, employees, attorneys and agents of the Agents and to each person, if any, who controls the applicable Agent within the meaning of the 1933 Act and each broker dealer affiliate of the Agents; and the obligations of the Agents under this Section 7 shall be in addition to any liability which the Agents may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each director, officer, employee, attorney and agent of the Company and to each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the 1933 Act.

Section 8. <u>Representations</u>, <u>Warranties and Agreements to Survive Delivery</u>. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Agents, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of the Agents or any controlling person of an Agent, or the Company, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Shares.</u>

Section 9. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. The Company and the Operating Partnership acknowledge and agree that (i) each Agent is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Company and the Operating Partnership with respect to the offering of Shares contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of such offering) and (ii) the Agents have not assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company or the Operating Partnership with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Agents have advised or is currently advising the Company or the Operating Partnership on other matters) or any other obligations to the Company or the Operating Partnership except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement and (iii) the Company and the Operating Partnership agrees that it will not claim that the Agents have rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owe a fiduciary or similar duty to the Company or the Operating Partnership, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

#### Section 10. Termination.

(a) The Company shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party, except that (i) with respect to any pending sale through the Agents for the Company, the obligations of the Company, including in respect of compensation of the Agents, shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination until such pending sales are settled; and (ii) the provisions of Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15, of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

(b) Each Agent shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate its participation in this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time. The Agents shall have the right, by giving joint written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate this Agreement in their sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that (i) with respect to any pending sale, including a pending sale pursuant to a Terms Agreement, through an Agent for the Company, the obligations of the Agent, as applicable, shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination until such pending sales are settled; and (ii) the provisions of Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

(c) Unless earlier terminated pursuant to this Section 10, this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the issuance and sale of all of the Shares by the Agents on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein except any termination pursuant to this clause (c) shall in all cases be deemed to provide that Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(d) This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until and unless terminated pursuant to Section 10(a), (b) or (c) above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties; provided that any such termination by mutual agreement or pursuant to this clause (d) shall in all cases be deemed to provide that Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(e) Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; <u>provided</u> that such termination shall not be effective until the close of business on the date of receipt of such notice by the Agents or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date for any sale of Shares, such sale shall settle in accordance with the provisions of Section 2(g) hereof.

(f) In the case of any purchase by an Agent pursuant to a Terms Agreement, such Agent may terminate this Agreement, at any time at or prior to the Settlement Date of such purchase (i) if there has been, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of such Agent, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of Shares, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the Nasdaq Stock Market, or if trading generally on the NYSE American or the NYSE or the Nasdaq Stock Market has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by such system or by order of the Commission, FINRA or any other governmental authority, or (iv) a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, or (v) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities.

Section 11. Notices. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and if to the Agents shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to:

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 Fax No. (414) 298-7474 Attention: Syndicate Department, with a copy to the Legal Department

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282 Fax No. (212) 902-9316 Attention: Registration Department

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated One South Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Fax No. (443) 224-1273 Attention: Syndicate Department

BTIG, LLC 600 Montgomery Street, 6th Floor San Francisco, California 94111 Email: BTIGUSATMTrading@btig.com Attention: Equity Capital Markets

Fifth Third Securities, Inc. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati, Ohio 45263 Fax No. (513) 5346757 Attention: Legal Department c/o Michael Bertkau

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice): Cooley LLP 55 Hudson Yards New York, NY 10001 Fax No. (212) 479-6275 Attention: Daniel I. Goldberg

and if to the Company or the Operating Partnership to:

Gladstone Commercial Corporation 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100 McLean, Virginia 22102 Fax No. (703) 287-5801 Attention: Chief Executive Officer

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice): Bass, Berry & Sims PLC 150 Third Avenue South, Suite 2800 Nashville, Tennessee 37201 Fax No. (615) 741-2780; (877) 521-2816 Attention: Lori Morgan

Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect upon receipt thereof.

Section 12. <u>Parties</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Agents and the Company and, to the extent provided in Sections 7 and 8 hereof, the officers, directors, employees, attorneys and agents of the Company and the Agents and each person who controls the Company or an Agent, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of Shares through any Agent shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

Section 13. <u>Time of the Essence</u>. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement. As used herein, the term "business day" shall mean any day when the Commission's office in Washington, D.C. is open for business.

Section 14. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u> The Company and the Agents hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to jury trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 15. <u>Governing Law</u>, THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ITS PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.

Section 16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto and thereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement may be delivered by any party by facsimile or other electronic transmission.

Section 17. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

Section 18. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

(a) In the event that any Agent that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Agent of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(b) In the event that any Agent that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Agent becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Agent are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States

For purposes of this Section 18, a "*BHC Act Affiliate*" has the meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k). "*Covered Entity*" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b). "*Default Right*" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable. "*U.S. Special Resolution Regime*" means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement among each of the Agents and the Company in accordance with its terms.

[Signature Page Follows.]

Very truly yours,

### GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ David Gladstone Name: David Gladstone Title: Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

### GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

GCLP Business Trust II, its General Partner By:

By: /s/ David Gladstone Name: David Gladstone Title: Trustee

By: /s/ Michael Sodo Name: Michael Sodo

Title: Trustee

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### Accepted as of the date hereof:

### ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED

By:	/s/ Tim Stefanou
Name:	Tim Stefanou
Title:	Vice President

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

### By: /s/ Jonathan Armstrong

Name:Jonathan ArmstrongTitle:Managing Director

### STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Daniel J. Corvatta Name: Daniel J. Corvatta

Title: Managing Director

BTIG, LLC

By:	/s/ Joseph Passaro
Name:	Joseph Passaro
Title:	Managing Director

FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.

By: /s/ Susannah Doyle Lunke

Name:Susannah Doyle LunkeTitle:Director, ECM, VP

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### Schedule 1

### Subsidiaries

Delaware

2525 N Woodlawn Vstrm Wichita KS, LLC 260 Springside Drive, Akron OH LLC ABC12 Ottumwa IA LLC ACI06 Champaign IL LLC AFL05 Duncan SC LLC AFL05 Duncan SC Member LLC AFR11 Parsippany NJ LLC AL13 Brookwood LLC AL15 Birmingham LLC ALVANI02 GOOD 11198 Will Walker Road LLC APML07 Hialeah FL LLC CA14 Rancho Cordova GP LLC CA14 Rancho Cordova LP CBP11 Green Tree PA GP LLC CBP11 Green Tree PA, L.P. C08 Fridley MN LLC CDLCI07 Mason OH LLC CI05 Clintonville WI LLC CMI04 Canton NC LLC CO13 Englewood LLC CO14 Aurora LLC CO14 Denver LLC COCO04 Austin TX, L.P. COCO04 Austin TX GP LLC Corning Big Flats LLC Corning Big Flats Two LLC CVG12 New Albany OH LLC D08 Marietta OH LLC DBPI07 Bolingbrook IL LLC EE 208 South Rogers Lane, Raleigh NC LLC EE07 Raleigh NC, L.P. EE07 Raleigh NC GP LLC EI07 Tewksbury MA LLC First Park Ten COCO San Antonio, L.P. First Park Ten COCO San Antonio GP LLC FL16 Fort Lauderdale LLC FL17 Eatonville-1 LLC FL17 Eatonville-2 LLC FL17 Eatonville-3 LLC FLLKMO01 GOOD 1000 Business Center LLC FLOCAI01 GOOD 1900 Southwest St 38th Avenue LLC FLOCAI02 GOOD 808 Southwest 12th Street LLC FMCT08 Chalfont PA GP LLC FMCT08 Chalfont PA LP FS11 Hickory NC GP LLC FS11 Hickory NC, LP FTCHI07 Grand Rapids MI LLC

GA15 Hapeville LLC GA15 Villa Rica LLC GBI07 Syracuse NY LLC GCC1302 Egg Harbor NJ LLC GCC Acquisition Holdings, LLC GCO12 Jupiter FL LLC Gladstone Commercial Advisers, Inc. Gladstone Commercial Corporation Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership Gladstone Commercial Partners LLC Gladstone Commercial Lending LLC GSM, LLC HMBF05 Newburyport MA LLC IN14 Indianapolis LLC ININDI01 GOOD 5225 W 81st St LLC ININDI02 GOOD 5600 W Raymond, LLC IPA12 Ashburn VA LLC IPA12 Ashburn VA SPE LLC LittleArch04 Charlotte NC Member LLC Little Arch Charlotte NC LLC MI13 Novi LLC MI14 Monroe Frenchtown LLC MI14 Monroe Revard LLC MIDETI04 GOOD 4440 N Atlantic LLC MIDETI05 GOOD 7026 Sterling LLC MN13 Blaine, LLC MPI06 Mason OH LLC NARA12 Fort Worth TX, L.P. NARA12 Fort Worth TX GP LLC NCH12 Columbus OH LLC NH10 Cumming GA LLC NJPHII02 GOOD 5 Twosome LLC NW05 Richmond VA LLC OB Crenshaw GCC, L.P. OB Crenshaw SPE GP LLC OB Midway NC Gladstone Commercial LLC OH04 North Canton LLC OH14 Columbus LLC OH15 Dublin LLC OHCOLI01 GOOD 759 Pittsburgh LLC OHCOLI02 GOOD 1932 Pittsburgh Drive LLC OHCOLO05 GOOD 4343 Easton Commons LLC PA14 Taylor LLC PA16 Prussia LLC PA17 Conshohocken LLC PA17 Philadelphia LLC PNA11 Boston Heights OH LLC Pocono PA GCC GP LLC Pocono PA GCC, L.P. PZ05 Maple Heights OH LLC RC06 Menomonee Falls WI LLC RCOG07 Georgia LLC Richardson TX15 LLC RPT08 Pineville NC GP LLC

RPT08 Pineville NC LP SCC10 Orange City IA LLC SJMH06 Baytown TX GP LLC SJMH06 Baytown TX L.P. SJMH06 Baytown TX L.P. SLEE Grand Prairie, L.P. SRFF08 Reading PA GP LLC SRFF08 Reading PA LP TCI06 Burnsville MN LLC TMC11 Springfield MO LLC TUP12 Columbus GA LLC TX13 Allen LLC TX13 Austin LLC TX14 Allen II LLC TX14 Colleyville LLC TX14 Coppell LLC TXDENI01 GOOD 5450 Dakota Lane LLC TXTEMI01 GOOD 3120 and 3410 Range Road LLC UT15 Draper LLC UT16 Taylorsville LLC UTSLC003 GOOD 680 West Shields Lane LLC VW12 Columbia SC LLC WC11 Springfield MO LLC WEC11 Dartmouth MA LLC WPI07 Tulsa OK LLC YCC06 South Hadley MA LLC YorkTC05 Eatontown NJ LLC

### Ohio

Hemingway at Boston Heights, LLC

### Massachusetts

GCLP Business Trust I GCLP Business Trust II

### Schedule 2

### **Notice Parties**

### Gladstone Commercial Corporation and Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership

David Gladstone (david.gladstone@gladstonecompanies.com) Michael Sodo (mike.sodo@gladstonecompanies.com) Bob Cutlip (bob.cutlip@gladstonecompanies.com) Michael LiCalsi (michael.licalsi@gladstonecompanies.com)

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### BTIG, LLC

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### GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

Common Stock (\$0.001 par value per share)

### TERMS AGREEMENT

[ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202]

[GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282]

[STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED 501 North Broadway, 10th Floor Saint Louis, Missouri 63102]

[BTIG, LLC 600 Montgomery Street, 6th Floor San Francisco, California 94111]

[FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati, Ohio 45263]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein and in the At-the-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated December 3, 2019 (the "Sales Agreement"), among the Company, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, BTIG, LLC and Fifth Third Securities, Inc., to issue and sell to [*insert name of designated agent*] (the "Designated Agent") the securities specified in the Schedule hereto (the "Purchased Securities") [, and solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, to grant to the Designated Agent the option to purchase the additional securities specified in the Schedule hereto (the "Additional Securities")]\*.

[The Designated Agent shall have the right to purchase from the Company all or a portion of the Additional Securities as may be necessary to cover over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Purchased Securities, at the same purchase price per share to be paid by the Designated Agent to the Company for the Purchased Securities. This option may be exercised by the Designated Agent at any time (but not more than once) on or before the thirtieth day following the date hereof, by written notice to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of shares of Additional Securities as to which the option is being exercised, and the date and time when the Additional Securities are to be delivered (such date and time being herein referred to as the "*Option Closing Date*"); provided, however, that the Option Closing Date shall not be earlier than the Time of Delivery (as set forth in the Schedule hereto) nor earlier than the second business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. Payment of the purchase price for the Additional Securities shall be made at the Option Closing Date in the same manner and at the same office as the payment for the Purchased Securities.]\*

Each of the provisions of the Sales Agreement not specifically related to the solicitation by the Designated Agent, as agent of the Company, of offers to purchase securities is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and shall be deemed to be part of this Terms Agreement to the same extent as if such provisions had been set forth in full herein. Each of the representations and warranties set forth therein shall be deemed to have been made at and as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Applicable Time [and any Option Closing Date]\*, except that each representation and warranty in Section 1 of the Sales Agreement which makes reference to the Prospectus (as therein defined) shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty as of the date of the Sales Agreement in relation to the Prospectus, and also a representation and warranty as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Settlement Date [and any Option Closing Date]\* in relation to the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to relate to the Purchased Securities.

An amendment to the Registration Statement (as defined in the Sales Agreement), or a supplement to the Prospectus, as the case may be, relating to the Purchased Securities [and the Additional Securities]\*, in the form heretofore delivered to the Designated Agent is now proposed to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Sales Agreement which are incorporated herein by reference, the Company agrees to issue and sell to the Designated Agent and the latter agrees to purchase from the Company the number of shares of the Purchased Securities at the time and place and at the purchase price set forth in the Schedule hereto.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Designated Agent and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

By: Name:

Title:

Accepted as of the date hereof:

[ ]

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Title:

\* Include only if the Designated Agent has an over-allotment option.

### GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (Liquidation Preference \$25.00 per share) (\$0.001 par value per share)

### AT-THE-MARKET EQUITY OFFERING SALES AGREEMENT

December 3, 2019

ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282

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FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati, Ohio 45263

U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC. 214 N. Tryon Street, 26th Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to issue and sell from time to time to or through Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("<u>Baird</u>"), Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC ("<u>Goldman</u>"), Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated ("<u>Stifel</u>"), Fifth Third Securities, Inc. (<u>'Fifth Third</u>") and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. (<u>'USBI</u>") as sales agents and principals (each of Baird, Goldman, Stifel, Fifth Third and USBI, individually an "<u>Agent</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Agents</u>"), shares (the "<u>Shares</u>") of the Company's 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), par value \$0.001 per share (the "<u>Scries E Preferred Stock</u>"), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100,000,000 on the terms set forth in Section 2 of thisAt-The-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>"). The Company is the indirect general partner of Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership (the <u>'Operating Partnership</u>"), a Delaware limited partnership that serves as the Company's primary operating partnership subsidiary. The Company agrees that whenever it determines to sell Shares directly to an Agent as principal, it will enter into a separate agreement (each, a "<u>Terms Agreement</u>") in substantially the form of Annex I hereto, relating to such sale in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.

Section 1. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The Company and the Operating Partnership hereby jointly and severally represent and warrant to each of the Agents that as of the date of this Agreement, any applicable Registration Statement Amendment Date (as defined in Section 3 below), each Company Periodic Report Date (as defined in Section 3 below), each Applicable Time (as defined in Section 1(a) below) and each Settlement Date (as defined in Section 2 below):

(a) <u>Compliance with Registration Requirements</u>. The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the '<u>Commission</u>'') a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>1933 Act</u>"), on Form S-3 (File No. 333-229209), in respect of the Company's Series E Preferred Stock (including

the Shares) (collectively, the "Securities") has become effective within three years prior to the date hereof; such registration statement, and any posteffective amendment thereto has become effective; and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement or any part thereof is in effect and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, are contemplated or threatened by the Commission (the base prospectus filed as part of such registration statement, in the form in which it has most recently been filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement, is hereinafter called the "Base Prospectus"; the various parts of such registration statement, including all exhibits thereto and any prospectus supplement relating to the Shares that is filed with the Commission and deemed by virtue of Rule 430B to be part of such registration statement, each as amended at the time such part of the registration statement became effective, are hereinafter collectively called the "Registration Statement"; the prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Shares prepared and filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act is hereinafter called the "Prospectus Supplement"; the Base Prospectus, as amended and supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, is hereinafter called the "Prospectus"; any reference herein to the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act; any reference to any amendment or supplement to the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, any prospectus supplement relating to the Shares filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act and any documents filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1934 Act Regulations"), and incorporated therein, in each case after the date of the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, as the case may be; any reference to any amendment to the Registration Statement shall be deemed to refer to and include any annual report of the Company filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the 1934 Act after the effective date of the Registration Statement that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement; and any "issuer free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 433 under the 1933 Act relating to the Shares is hereinafter called an "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus").

The sale of the Shares hereunder meets the requirements of General Instruction I.B.1 of FormS-3.

No order preventing or suspending the use of the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus is in effect and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company are contemplated or threatened by the Commission, and the Base Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, at the time of filing thereof, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "<u>1933 Act Regulations</u>") and did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the "<u>Applicable Time</u>" means, with respect to any Shares, the time of sale of such Shares pursuant to this Agreement; the Prospectus and the applicable Issuer Free Writing Prospectus(es) issued at or prior to such Applicable Time, taken together (collectively, and, with respect to any Shares, together with the public offering price of such Shares, the "<u>General Disclosure Package</u>") as of each Applicable Time and each Settlement Date, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each applicable Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as supplemented by and taken together with the General Disclosure Package as of such Applicable Time, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each applicable Time, will not include any untrue statement of a supplement or the Prospectus and each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as supplemented by and taken together with the General Disclosure Package as of such Applicable Time, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(b) <u>Incorporation of Documents by Reference</u>. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission or became effective under the 1934 Act, as the case may be, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations, and, when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, (a) at the time the Registration Statement became effective, (b) at the time the Prospectus was issued and (c) on the date of this Agreement, did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(c) Independent Accountants. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, which has expressed its opinion with respect to the financial statements (which term as used in this Agreement includes the related notes thereto) and supporting schedules filed with the Commission as a part of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, is (i) an independent registered public accounting firm as required by the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act and the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("<u>PCAOB</u>"), (ii) in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule2-01 of Regulation S-X under the 1933 Act and (iii) a registered public accounting firm as defined by the PCAOB whose registration has not been suspended or revoked and who has not requested such registration to be withdrawn.

(d) Financial Statements. The financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries (as defined below) as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the periods specified. The supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement present fairly, in all material respects, the information required to be stated therein. Such financial statements and supporting schedules have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied in the United States ("GAAP") and applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, except as may be expressly stated in the related notes thereto. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. No other financial statements or supporting schedules are required to be included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and any free writing prospectus that constitute non-GAAP financial measures (as defined by the rules and regulations under the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act) comply in all material respects with Regulation G under the 1934 Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the 1933 Act, as applicable. To the Company's knowledge, no person who has been suspended or barred from being associated with a registered public accounting firm, or who has failed to comply with any sanction pursuant to Rule 5300 promulgated by the PCAOB, has participated in or otherwise aided the preparation of, or audited, the financial statements, supporting schedules or other financial data filed with the Commission as a part of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(e) No Material Adverse Change. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business, properties, operations, assets or prospects, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, of the Company and its Subsidiaries, considered as one entity (any such change or effect, where the context so requires is called a "Material Adverse Change" or a "Material Adverse Effect"); (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries, considered as one entity, have not incurred any material liability or obligation, indirect, direct or contingent, including, without limitation, any losses or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood, earthquakes, accident or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any strike, labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, that are material, individually or in the aggregate, to the Company and its Subsidiaries, considered as one entity, or has entered into any transactions not in the ordinary course of business; and (iii) there has not been any material decrease in the capital stock or any material increase in any short-term or long-term indebtedness of the Company or its Subsidiaries and there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company (except for dividends on shares of (1) the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, (2) the Company's senior common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, (3) the Company's 7.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and (4) the Series E Preferred Stock, in amounts per share that are consistent with past practice) or, except for dividends paid to the Company or other Subsidiaries, by any of the Company's Subsidiaries on any class of capital stock, or any repurchase or redemption by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of any class of capital stock. As used herein, "Subsidiary" or "Subsidiaries" means each of the entities included in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or as provided on Schedule 1 to this Agreement, other than any subsidiaries of the Company, which when taken together as a whole, would not constitute a "significant subsidiary" within the meaning of Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X.

(f) Incorporation and Good Standing of the Company. The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland and has the corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change.

(g) Organization and Good Standing of the Operating Partnership. The Operating Partnership has been duly formed and is validly existing as a limited partnership in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has all power and authority (limited partnership or other) to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Operating Partnership is duly qualified as a foreign limited partnership to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. The aggregate percentage interests of the Company and the limited partners in the Operating Partnership are as set forth in the General Disclosure Package.

(h) <u>Subsidiaries</u>. Each of the Company's Subsidiaries has been duly incorporated or organized, as the case may be, and is validly existing as a corporation, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization and has the power and authority (corporate or other) to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. Each of the Company's Subsidiaries is duly qualified as a foreign corporation, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other equity or ownership interests of each of the Company's Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance or adverse claim. The Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the Subsidiaries.

(i) Capitalization and Other Capital Stock Matters. The Company's authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock is as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (other than for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to employee benefit plans, dividend reinvestment plan, or issuances of the Company's capital stock, including through the Company's at-the-market programs, in each case described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus). The Shares conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package. All of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and have been issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws. None of the outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock were issued in violation of any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities of the Company. There are no authorized or outstanding options, warrants, preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase, or equity or debt securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, any capital stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries other than those described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. All of the issued and outstanding units of limited partner interest in the Operating Partnership (the "Units") have been duly authorized and validly issued, and have been offered and sold in compliance with all applicable laws (including, without limitation, federal or state securities laws). The terms of the Units conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package. (i) no Units are reserved for any purpose, (ii) there are no outstanding securities convertible into or exchangeable for any Units, and (iii) there are no outstanding options, rights (preemptive or otherwise) or warrants to purchase or subscribe for Units or any other securities of the Operating Partnership. The descriptions of the Company's stock option, stock bonus and other stock plans or arrangements, and the options or other rights granted thereunder, set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus accurately and fairly present the information required to be shown with respect to such plans, arrangements, options and rights.

(j) <u>Stock Exchange Listing</u>. The Company's Series E Preferred Stock has been registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the 1934 Act and is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market ("<u>Nasdaq</u>"), and the Company has taken no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration or listing of the Series E Preferred Stock from Nasdaq, nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission or Nasdaq is contemplating terminating such registration or listing.

(k) Authorization of Agreements. This Agreement has been, and any Terms Agreement will be, executed and delivered by the Company.

(1) <u>Authorization and Description of Securities</u>. The Shares have been duly authorized and reserved for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and, when issued and delivered by the Company against payment therefor pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement against payment of the consideration set forth herein, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable; no holder of the Shares will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder; and the issuance and sale of the Shares is not subject to any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other similar rights to subscribe for or purchase the Shares.

(m) Non-Contravention of Existing Instruments; No Further Authorizations or Approvals Required Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of its charter or by-laws, partnership agreement or operating agreement or similar organizational documents, as applicable, or is in default (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, would be in default) ("Default") under any indenture, loan, credit agreement, note, lease, license agreement, contract, franchise or other instrument (including, without limitation, any pledge agreement, security agreement, mortgage or other instrument or agreement evidencing, guaranteeing, securing or relating to indebtedness) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of their respective properties or assets are subject (each, an "Existing Instrument"), except for such Defaults as could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and the Operating Partnership's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and any Terms Agreement, consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and by the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and the issuance and sale of the Shares (including the use of proceeds from the sale of the Shares as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds"); (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or limited partnership action, as applicable, and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws, partnership agreement or operating agreement or similar organizational documents, as applicable, of the Company or any Subsidiary; (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or Default or a Debt Repayment Triggering Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any Existing Instrument; and (iii) will not result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree applicable to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except, with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), for such violations, conflicts, breaches, Defaults or Debt Repayment Triggering Events as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency, is required for the Company and the Operating Partnership's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except such as have been obtained or made by the Company and the Operating Partnership and are in full force and effect under the 1933 Act and such as may be required under applicable state securities or blue sky laws or the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). As used herein, a "Debt Repayment Triggering Event" means any event or condition which gives, or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would give, the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(n) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries have been and are in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, except where failure to be so in compliance would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(o) <u>No Material Actions or Proceedings</u>. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package, there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation brought by or before any governmental entity now pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, against or affecting the

Company or any of its Subsidiaries, which could be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect or materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder; and the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any such Subsidiary is a party or of which any of their respective properties or assets is the subject, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, if determined adversely to the Company, could not be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(p) <u>Accuracy of Exhibits</u>. There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein or to be filed as exhibits thereto which have not been so described and filed as required.

(q) Intellectual Property Rights. The Company and its Subsidiaries own or possess all inventions, patent applications, patents, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), trade names, service names, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary information described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and as being owned or licensed by any of them or which is necessary for the conduct of, or material to, any of their respective businesses (collectively, the "Intellectual Property"), and the Company is unaware of any claim to the contrary or any challenge by any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the Intellectual Property; neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has infringed or is infringing the intellectual property of a third party, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received notice of a claim by a third party to the contrary.

(r) <u>Absence of Further Requirements</u>. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under FINRA, Nasdaq, the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations or state securities laws.

(s) <u>No Price Stabilization or Manipulation</u>. The Company (and to the Company's knowledge, any of its affiliates) has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute, or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(t) <u>All Necessary Permits, etc</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries possess such valid and current certificates, authorizations or permits required by state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies to conduct their respective businesses as currently conducted and as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus ("<u>Permits</u>"), except where the failure to possess such Permits would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of, or in default under, any of the Permits or has received, or reasonably believes that it will receive, any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could result in a Material Adverse Change.

(u) <u>Title to Properties</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries, including the Operating Partnership, have good and marketable title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, each real property described or identified in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement as owned or leased by them (individually, a "<u>Property</u>," and together the "<u>Properties</u>"), in each case free and clear of any security interests, mortgages, liens, encumbrances, equities, adverse claims and other defects, except such as are disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package except as would not result in a Material Adverse Change. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary owns or leases any real property, except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Properties complies with all applicable codes, laws and regulations (including, without limitation, building and zoning codes, laws and regulations and laws relating to access to the Properties), except to the extent disclosed in Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and except for such failures to comply that would not have a Material Adverse Change. Each Property with respect to which a certificate of need or similar approval to operate the Properties is presently, and at the Closing Date will be, operating pursuant to a current, valid certificate of need or similar

certificate except as would not have a Material Adverse Change. The Company does not have knowledge of any pending or threatened condemnation proceeding, zoning change, or other proceeding or action that will in any manner affect the size of, improvements on, construction on or access to a Property, except such proceedings or actions that would not have a Material Adverse Change.

(v) Mortgages. All of the mortgages and/or deeds of trust described or identified in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the borrower thereunder (the "Borrower"), and are enforceable in accordance with their terms and except as set forth in or contemplated in the Prospectus, Registration Statement or General Disclosure Package. To the best of the Company's and the Operating Partnership's knowledge, no Borrower is in default in the payment of any amounts due under any such mortgage and/or deed of trust and no party thereto is in breach or default under any of such agreements except where such breach or default would not have a Material Adverse Change. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or as would not result in a Material Adverse Change, none of the mortgages and/or deeds of trust will be (i) convertible (in the absence of foreclosure) into an equity interest in the entity owning such Property or in the Company or any Subsidiaries, or (iii) cross-defaulted to any other indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiaries, or (iii) cross-collateralized to any property or assets not owned directly or indirectly by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(w) <u>Acquisitions</u>. There are no contracts, letters of intent, term sheets, agreements, arrangements or understandings with respect to the acquisition or disposition by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of the Properties that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and which have not been described therein.

(x) <u>Company and Operating Partnership Not "Investment Companies.</u>" Each of the Company and the Operating Partnership is not, and will not be, either after receipt of payment for the Shares or after the application of the proceeds therefrom as described under "Use of Proceeds" in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>1940 Act</u>").

(y) <u>Compliance with Environmental Laws</u>. Except as could not be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any federal, state, local or foreign statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or rule of common law or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient and indoor air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, or relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products (collectively, "<u>Hazardous Materials</u>") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "<u>Environmental Laws</u>"); (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries have all permits, authorizations and approvals required under any applicable Environmental Laws and are each in compliance with their requirements; (iii) there are no pending or threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigation or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; and (iv) there are no pending or threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigation or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; and (iv) there are no pending or threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suit, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigation or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law a

(z) <u>Registration Rights</u>. There are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise by the Company under the 1933 Act.

(aa) <u>Company's Accounting System</u>. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries make and keep accurate books and records and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(bb) Disclosure Controls and Procedures: Deficiencies in or Changes to Internal Control Over Financial Reporting The Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the 1934 Act), which (i) are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's principal executive officer and its principal financial officer by others within those entities, particularly during the periods in which the periodic reports required under the 1934 Act are being prepared; (ii) have been evaluated by management of the Company for effectiveness as of the end of the Company's most recent fiscal quarter; and (iii) are effective in all material respects to perform the functions for which they were established. Since the end of the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company is not aware of any change in its internal control over financial reporting that has occurred during its most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affected.

(cc) <u>S-3 Eligibility</u>. (A)(i) At the time of filing the Registration Statement and (ii) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act or form of prospectus), the Company met the then applicable requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and (B) at the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) under the 1933 Act) of the Shares, the Company was not an "ineligible issuer" as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act.

(dd) <u>No Commissions</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than as contemplated by this Agreement or any Terms Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the Agents for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares.

(ee) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley</u>. The Company is in compliance, in all material respects, with all applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(ff) <u>FINRA Exemption</u>. To enable the Agents to rely on Rule 5110(b)(7)(C)(i) of FINRA, the Company represents that the Company (i) has a non-affiliate, public common equity float of at least \$150 million or anon-affiliate, public common equity float of at least \$100 million and annual trading volume of at least three million shares and (ii) has been subject to the 1934 Act reporting requirements for a period of at least 36 months.

(gg) <u>Relationships and Related Parties</u>. No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or its Subsidiaries on one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders, partners, members, tenants or suppliers of the Company or its Subsidiaries, on the other hand, which is required by the rules of FINRA to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus which is not described. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, the Company and its Subsidiaries have not, directly or indirectly, extended credit, arranged to extend credit or renewed any extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan, to or for any director or officer of the Company or its Subsidiaries, or to or for any family member or affiliate of any such director or officer.

(hh) <u>Tax Law Compliance</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries have filed all necessary federal, state and foreign income and franchise tax returns or have properly requested extensions thereof, except in any case in which the failure to so file would not result in a Material Adverse Effect, and have paid all taxes required to be paid by any of them and, if due and payable, any related or similar assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them except as may be being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or as would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has made adequate charges, accruals and reserves in the applicable financial statements referred to in Section 1(d) above in respect of all federal, state and foreign income and franchise taxes for all periods as to which the tax liability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has not been finally determined.

(ii) <u>Insurance</u>. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries are insured by recognized, financially sound and reputable institutions with policies in such amounts and with such deductibles and covering such risks as are generally deemed adequate and customary for their businesses including, but not limited to, policies covering real and personal property owned or leased by the Company and its Subsidiaries against theft, damage, destruction, acts of vandalism and earthquakes. The Company has no reason to believe that it or any of its Subsidiaries will not be able (i) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (ii) to obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company, Operating Partnership or another Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, has obtained title insurance on the fee interests in each of their properties, in an amount that is commercially reasonable for each property. All such policies of insurance are in full force and effect.

(jj) <u>Statistical and Market-Related Data</u>. All statistical, demographic and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(kk) <u>No Unlawful Contributions or Other Payments</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the best of the Company's knowledge, any employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary, has made any contribution or other payment to any official of, or candidate for, any federal, state or foreign office in violation of any law or of the character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus.

(II) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has, in the course of its actions for, or on behalf of, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to political activity; (ii) made any direct or indirect unlawful payment to any domestic government official, "foreign official" (as defined in the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "<u>FCPA</u>") or employee from corporate funds; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the FCPA or any applicable non-U.S. anti-bribery statute or regulation; or (iv) made any unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment to any domestic government official, such foreign official or employee; and the Company and its Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, the Company's affiliates have conducted their respective businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(mm) <u>Money Laundering Laws</u>. The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries are, and have been conducted at all times, in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar applicable rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "<u>Money Laundering Laws</u>") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(nn) <u>OFAC</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, after due inquiry, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("<u>OFAC</u>"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of this offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, or any joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of or business with any person, or in any country or territory, that currently is the subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(oo) ERISA Compliance. The Company and its Subsidiaries are not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder.

(pp) <u>Agent Relationships</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, none of the Company, its Subsidiaries or their affiliates (i) have any material lending or other relationships with any bank or lending affiliate of any Agent or (ii) intend to use any of the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of any Agent.

(qq) <u>Qualification as a REIT</u>. Commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 2003, the Company has been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation, and has elected to be treated (which election has not been revoked or withdrawn) as a real estate investment trust ("<u>REIT</u>") under the Code, and will continue to operate in a manner that will enable it to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for its taxable year ending December 31, 2019 and thereafter. The statements regarding the Company's qualification and taxation as a REIT and the description of the Company's organization and current and proposed method of operation (insonuch as they relate to the Company's qualification as a REIT) set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus are accurate and fair summaries of the legal and tax matters described therein in all material respects. The Operating Partnership has been properly classified either as a partnership or as an entity disregarded as separate from the Company for Federal income tax purposes throughout the period from its formation through the date hereof.

(rr) Leases. The lease agreements between the Company, or any Subsidiary and the tenants at the Properties (the 'Leases'), are valid and enforceable in all material respects by the Company and/or its Subsidiary except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforceability of creditors' rights generally and rules of law governing specific performance, injunctive relief and other equitable remedies, and, to the best of the Company's and the Operating Partnership's knowledge, no tenants are in default in the payment of any amounts due under any such Lease and no party thereto is in breach or default under any of such agreements except where such breach or default would not result in a Material Adverse Change.

(ss) <u>Cybersecurity</u>. Except as could not be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, (A) there has been no security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure, or other compromise relating to the Company's or its Subsidiaries' information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data and databases (including the personal data and information of their respective customers, employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained, processed or stored by the Company and its Subsidiaries), equipment or technology (collectively, "<u>IT Systems and Data</u>"); (B) neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries have actual knowledge of any security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data or to any data processed or stored by third parties on behalf of the Company and its Subsidiaries and (C) the Company and its Subsidiaries have implemented commercially reasonable controls, policies, procedures, and technological safeguards to maintain and protect the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of their IT Systems and Data. The Company and its Subsidiaries are presently in compliance with all applicable laws, all judgments and orders specifically directed to the Company or its Subsidiaries and all rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or its Subsidiaries, and internal policies relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company, the Operating Partnership or any of the Company's Subsidiaries and delivered to any Agent or to counsel for the Agents in connection with the offering, or the purchase and sale, of the Shares shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company or the Operating Partnership, as applicable, to each Agent as to the matters covered thereby.

#### Section 2. Sale and Delivery of Shares.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to issue and sell through an Agent acting as sales agent or directly to an Agent acting as principal from time to time (the "*Designated Agent*"), and the Designated Agent agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell as sales agent for the Company, the Shares. Sales of the Shares, if any, through the Designated Agent acting as sales agent or directly to the Designated Agent acting as principal will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions on Nasdaq, in negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices or by any other method deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the 1933 Act. Other than Section 3(o), nothing contained herein restricts, nor may be deemed to restrict, the Company from undertaking another offering of its securities, including pursuant to separate registrations

under the 1933 Act (or any exemption from such registration), or another offering under the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Agents shall in no event sell shares of the Series E Preferred Stock at a price higher than the Maximum Price. For purposes hereof, "Maximum Price: means (a) on or before October 4, 2024, the product of (i) \$25.00 per share, and (ii) the sum of (A) 1.0, and (B)(x) the number of complete years until the optional redemption date (i.e., October 4, 2024) multiplied by (y) 0.0025; and (b) on October 4, 2024 and thereafter, \$25.00 per share.

(b) Subject to instructions to sell Shares delivered pursuant to this Section 2(b) or the applicable Terms Agreement, the Shares are to be sold on a daily basis or otherwise as shall be agreed to by the Company and the Designated Agent on that trading day (other than a day on which Nasdaq is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time, each, a "Trading Day") that the Company has satisfied its obligations under Section 6 of this Agreement and that the Company has instructed the Designated Agent to make such sales. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing limitation shall not apply to sales solely to employees or security holders of the Company or its Subsidiaries, or to a trustee or other person acquiring such securities for the accounts of such persons in which the Designated Agent is acting for the Company in a capacity other than as Agent under this Agreement. On any Trading Day, the Company may instruct the Designated Agent by telephone (confirmed promptly by telecopy or email, which confirmation will be promptly acknowledged by the Designated Agent) as to the maximum dollar value of Shares or number of Shares to be sold by the Designated Agent on such day (in any event not in excess of the number available for issuance under the Prospectus and the currently effective Registration Statement) and the minimum price per Share at which such Shares may be sold and in accordance with such other terms specified by the Company in connection with such instruction. For purposes of this Section 2, the notice parties for each of the Company and the Agents are set forth on Schedule 2 to this Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Designated Agent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell as sales agent all of the Shares so designated by the Company and in the manner and on the terms so designated by the Company. The Company and the Designated Agent each acknowledge and agree that (A) there can be no assurance that the Designated Agent will be successful in selling the Shares, (B) the Designated Agent will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or any other person or entity if they do not sell Shares for any reason other than a failure by the Designated Agent to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell such Shares as required by this Agreement, and (C) the Designated Agent shall be under no obligation to purchase Shares on a principal basis except as otherwise specifically agreed by each of the Designated Agent and the Company pursuant to this Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of a Terms Agreement, the terms of such Terms Agreement will control. The Company agrees that any offer to sell, any solicitation of an offer to buy, or any sales of Shares by the Company shall be effected only by or through one Agent on any Trading Day.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not authorize the issuance and sale of, and the Designated Agent as sales agent shall not sell, any Shares (i) at a price lower than the minimum price therefor authorized from time to time, or (ii) in a number in excess of the number or maximum aggregated dollar value of Shares authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement, in each case, by the Company's board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing. In addition, the Company may, upon notice to the Designated Agent, suspend the offering of the Shares or the Designated Agent may, upon notice to the Company, suspend the offering of the Shares with respect to which the Designated Agent is acting as sales agent for any reason and at any time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such suspension or termination shall not affect or impair the parties' respective obligations with respect to the Shares sold hereunder prior to the giving of such notice. Any notice given pursuant to the preceding sentence may be given by telephone (confirmed promptly by telecopy or email, which confirmation will be promptly acknowledged).

(d) The gross sales price per share of any Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement by the Designated Agent acting as sales agent of the Company shall be the prevailing market price at the time of the sales of the Shares sold by the Designated Agent on Nasdaq or otherwise, at prices relating to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The compensation payable to the Designated Agent for sales of Shares with respect to which the Designated Agent acts as sales agent shall be up to 2.0% of the gross sales price of the Shares for amounts of Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement. The Company may sell Shares to the Designated Agent, acting as principal, at a price agreed upon with the Designated Agent at the relevant Applicable Time and pursuant to a separate Terms Agreement. The remaining proceeds, after further deduction for any transaction fees imposed by any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, authority, agency, court, administrative or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company for such Shares (the "<u>Net Proceeds</u>"). The Designated Agent shall notify the Company as promptly as practicable if any deduction referenced in the preceding sentence will be required.

(e) If acting as a sales agent hereunder, the Designated Agent shall provide written confirmation to the Company following the close of trading on Nasdaq, each day in which Shares are sold under this Agreement setting forth the number of Shares sold on such day, the aggregate gross sales proceeds of the Shares, the Net Proceeds to the Company and the compensation payable by the Company to such Designated Agent with respect to such sales.

(f) Under no circumstances shall the aggregate offering price or number, as the case may be, of Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement and any Terms Agreement exceed the aggregate offering price or number, as the case may be, of Shares of Series E Preferred Stock (i) set forth in the preamble paragraph of this Agreement, (ii) available for issuance under the Prospectus and the then currently effective Registration Statement or (iii) authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement by the Company's board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing. In addition, under no circumstances shall any Shares with respect to which the Designated Agent acts as sales agent be sold at a price (i) lower than the minimum price or (ii) higher than the Maximum Price therefor authorized from time to time by the Company's board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing.

(g) Settlement for sales of Shares pursuant to this Section 2 will occur on the second business day that is also a Trading Day following the trade date on which such sales are made, unless another date shall be agreed to by the Company and the Designated Agent (each such day, a "<u>Settlement Date</u>"). On each Settlement Date, the Shares sold through the Designated Agent for settlement on such date shall be delivered by the Company to the Designated Agent against payment of the Net Proceeds from the sale of such Shares. Settlement for all Shares shall be effected by book-entry delivery of Shares to the Designated Agent's account at The Depository Trust Company against payments by the Designated Agent of the Net Proceeds from the sale of such Shares in same day funds delivered to an account designated by the Company. If the Company shall default on its obligation to deliver Shares on any Settlement Date, the Company shall (i) indemnify and hold the Designated Agent harmless against any loss, claim or damage arising from or as a result of such default by the Company and (ii) pay the Designated Agent any commission to which it would otherwise be entitled absent such default.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Company and the Agents agree that no sales of Shares shall take place, and the Company shall not request the sale of any Shares that would be sold, and the Agents shall not be obligated to sell, during any period in which the Company's insider trading policy, as it exists on the date of this Agreement, would prohibit the purchases or sales of the Company's Series E Preferred Stock by its officers or directors, or during any other period in which the Company is, or could be deemed to be, in possession of material non-public information.

(i) At each Applicable Time, Settlement Date, Registration Amendment Date and each Company Periodic Report Date, the Company shall be deemed to have affirmed each representation and warranty contained in this Agreement. Any obligation of the Agents to use their commercially reasonable efforts to sell the Shares on behalf of the Company as sales agent shall be subject to the continuing accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the continuing satisfaction of the additional conditions specified in Section 6 of this Agreement.

Section 3. Covenants. The Company and the Operating Partnership hereby agree with each of the Agents:

(a) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of Shares (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the 1933 Act), (i) to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (other than an amendment or supplement relating to an offering of the Company's securities which is unrelated to the offering of Shares hereunder) prior to any Settlement Date which shall be disapproved by the Agents promptly after reasonable notice thereof and to advise the Agents, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the time when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus (other than an amendment or supplement relating to an offering of the Company's

securities which is unrelated to the offering of Shares hereunder) has been filed and to furnish the Agents with copies thereof, (ii) to file promptly all other material required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the 1933 Act, (iii) to file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act, (iv) to advise the Agents, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus or other prospectus in respect of the Shares, of the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offering or supplementing of the form of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information, and (v) in the event of the issuance of any such stop order or of any such order preventing or suspending the use of the Prespectus to obtain the withdrawal of such order; and in the event of any such suspending to promptly use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order; and in the event of any such issuance of a notice of objection, promptly to take such reasonable steps as may be necessary to permit offers and sales of the Shares by the Agents, which may include, without limitation, amending the Registration Statement or filing a new registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be obligated to furnish copies of any report or statement filed with the Commission to the extent it is available on the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System ("*EDGAR*").

(b) Promptly from time to time to take such action as the Agents may reasonably request to qualify the Shares for offering and sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Agents may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the sale of the Shares; <u>provided</u> that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction; and to promptly advise the Agents of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offer or sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose.

(c) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required (whether physically or through compliance with Rules 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the 1933 Act) in connection with the offering or sale of Shares, the Company will make available to the Agents, as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement, and thereafter from time to time furnish to the Agents, copies of the most recent Prospectus in such quantities and at such locations as the Agents may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the 1933 Act. During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required (whether physically or through compliance with Rules 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the 1933 Act) in connection with the offering or sale of Shares, and if at such time any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact and thereason it shall be necessary during such same period to amend or supplement the Prospectus is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary during such same period to amend or supplement the Prospectus or to file under the 1934 Act any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus in order to comply with the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, to notify the Agents and to file such document and to prepare and furnish without charge to the Agents as many written and electronic copies as the Agents may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be obligated to furnish copies of any report or statement filed with the Commission to the extent it is available on EDGAR.

(d) To make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than sixteen months after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the 1933 Act), an earnings statement of the Company and its Subsidiaries (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158); provided, however, that, without limiting other methods of compliance with this Section 3(d), the Company's compliance with its periodic reporting requirements pursuant to the 1934 Act shall be deemed to satisfy the covenant set forth in this Section 3(d).

(e) To use the Net Proceeds received by it from the sale of the Shares in the manner specified in the General Disclosure Package.

(f) In connection with the offering and sale of the Shares, the Company will file with Nasdaq all documents and notices, and make all certifications, required by Nasdaq of companies that have securities that are listed on Nasdaq and will maintain such listings.

(g) To not take, directly or indirectly, and to cause its affiliates to refrain from taking, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, under the 1934 Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(h) At each Applicable Time, each Settlement Date, each Registration Statement Amendment Date (as defined below), each date on which the Company files an Annual Report on Form 10-K or a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (each, a "Company Periodic Report Date") and each date on which Shares are delivered to an Agent pursuant to a Terms Agreement, the Company shall be deemed to have affirmed each representation, warranty, covenant and other agreement contained in this Agreement or any Terms Agreement. In each Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Company in respect of any quarter in which sales of Shares were made by or through an Agent under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, the Company shall set forth with regard to such quarter the number of Shares sold through the Agents under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement and the Net Proceeds received by the Company with respect to sales of Shares pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement.

(i) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement and each time the Shares are delivered to an Agent as principal on a Settlement Date pursuant to a Terms Agreement and promptly after each (i) date the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be amended or supplemented (other than (1) by an amendment or supplement providing solely for the determination of the terms of the Shares, (2) in connection with the filing of a prospectus supplement that contains solely the information set forth in Section 3(h), (3) in connection with the filing of any current reports on Form 8-K (other than any current reports on Form 8-K which contain financial statements, supporting schedules or other financial data, including any current report on Form 8-K under Item 2.02 of such form that is considered "filed" under the 1934 Act) or (4) by a prospectus supplement relating to the offering of other securities (including, without limitation, other shares of Series E Preferred Stock)) (each such date, a "Registration Statement Amendment Date"), and (ii) Company Periodic Report Date, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished forthwith to the Agents a certificate dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment or the date of filing with the Commission of such supplement or other document, as the case may be, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents to the effect that the statements contained in the certificate referred to in Section 6(f) of this Agreement which were last furnished to the Agents are true and correct at the time of such amendment, supplement or filing, as the case may be, as though made at and as of such time (except that such statements shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to such time) or, in lieu of such certificate, a certificate of the same tenor as the certificate referred to in said Section 6(f), but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented, or to the document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus, to the time of delivery of such certificate. As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time on or following the date referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, promptly shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to deliver any such certificate at any time there is no instruction to sell Shares delivered pursuant to Section 2(b) then in effect; provided, however, that such a certificate shall then be required to be delivered to the Agents prior to any further sales of Shares under this Agreement covering the period which would most recently have been required but for this sentence.

(j) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement, and, unless expressly waived by the Agents, promptly after each (i) Registration Statement Amendment Date and (ii) Company Periodic Report Date, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Agents and to counsel to the Agents the written opinion of each Company counsel and negative assurance letter of its corporate and securities counsel, currently, Bass, Berry & Sims PLC ("<u>BB&S</u>"), dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment or the date of filing with the Commission of such supplement or other document, as the case may be, in a form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel, of the same tenor as the opinions and letters referred to in Section 6(c) of this Agreement,

but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented, or to the document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus, to the time of delivery of such opinion and letter or, in lieu of such opinion and letter, counsel last furnishing such letter to the Agents shall furnish such Agents with a letter substantially to the effect that the Agents may rely on such last opinion and letter to the same extent as though each were dated the date of such letter authorizing reliance (except that statements in such last letter shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such letter authorizing reliance). As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time on or following the date referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, promptly shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to furnish or cause to be furnished any such opinion or statement at any time there are no instructions to sell Shares delivered pursuant to Section 2(b) or a Terms Agreement then in effect; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such an opinion or letter shall then be required to the furnished to the Agents prior to any further sales of Shares under this Agreement covering the period which would most recently have been required but for this sentence.

(k) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement, and, unless expressly waived by the Agents, promptly after each (i) Registration Statement Amendment Date and (ii) Company Periodic Report Date, the Company will cause its independent accountants, currently PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, to furnish to the Agents a letter, dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment or the date of filing of such supplement or other document with the Commission, as the case may be, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel, of the same tenor as the letter referred to in Section 6(d) hereof, but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, as amended and supplemented, or to the document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus, to the date of such letter. As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time. Notwithstanding the date referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, promptly shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to furnish or cause to be furnished any such letter or certificate at any time there are no instructions to sell shares delivered pursuant to Section 2(b) or a Terms Agreement then in effect; <u>provided, however</u>, that such a letter or certificate, as the case may be, shall then be required to be furnished to the Agents prior to any further sales of Shares under this Agreement covering the period which would most recently have been required but for this sentence.

(1) The Company consents to the Agents trading in the Company's Series E Preferred Stock for each such Agent's own account and for the account of its clients at the same time as sales of Shares occur pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement.

(m) If, to the actual knowledge of the Company, all filings required by Rule 424 in connection with this offering shall not have been made or the representations in Section 1(a) shall not be true and correct on the applicable Settlement Date, the Company will offer to any person who has agreed to purchase Shares from the Company as the result of an offer to purchase solicited by the Designated Agent the right to refuse to purchase and pay for such Shares.

(n) The Company will cooperate timely with any reasonable due diligence review conducted by the Agents or their counsel from time to time in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or in any Terms Agreement, including, without limitation, and upon reasonable notice providing information and making available documents and appropriate corporate officers, during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices, as the Agents may reasonably request.

(o) During each period commencing on the date on which the Company has given an instruction pursuant to Section 2(b) and ending on the close of business of the Settlement Date of the last Shares sold pursuant to such instruction, the Company will not, without (i) giving the Agents at least two business days' prior written notice specifying the nature of the proposed sale and the date of such proposed sale and (ii) the Agents suspending activity under this program for such period of time as requested by the Company or as deemed appropriate by the Agents in light of the proposed sale, (A) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Series E Preferred Stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Series E Preferred Stock, or file any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing (other than a shelf registration statement under Rule 415 under

the 1933 Act, a registration statement on Form S-8 or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement) or (B) enter into any swap or other agreement or any transaction that transfers in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, any of the economic consequence of ownership of the Series E Preferred Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Series E Preferred Stock, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (A) or (B) above is to be settled by delivery of Series E Preferred Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (a) the Shares to be offered and sold through the Agents pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, (b) equity incentive awards approved by the board of directors of the Company or the compensation committee thereof or the issuance of Series E Preferred Stock upon exercise thereof, (c) shares of Series E Preferred Stock in connection with the conversion of any units of the Operating Partnership.

(p) If immediately prior to the third anniversary (the "<u>Renewal Deadline</u>") of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement, any of the Shares remain unsold, the Company will, prior to the Renewal Deadline file, if it has not already done so and is eligible to do so, an "automatic shelf registration statement" (as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act) relating to the Shares, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents. If the Company is not eligible to file an automatic shelf registration statement, the Company will, prior to the Renewal Deadline, if it has not already done so, file a new shelf registration statement relating to the Shares, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Agents, and, if such new shelf registration statement is filed pursuant to this Section 3(p), the Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective within 60 days after the Renewal Deadline. The Company will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the issuance and sale of the Shares to continue as contemplated in the expired registration statement relating to the Shares. References herein to the Registration Statement shall include any such new shelf registration statement or any such new shelf registration statement, as the case may be.

(q) The Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code, currently intends to continue to qualify as a REIT under the Code and will use all reasonable efforts to enable the Company to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for subsequent tax years that include any portion of the term of this Agreement.

#### Section 4. Free Writing Prospectus.

(a) (i) The Company represents and agrees that without the prior consent of the Agents (which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a "free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act; and

(ii) each Agent represents and agrees that, without the prior consent of the Company (which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a free writing prospectus required to be filed with the Commission.

(b) The Company has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 under the 1933 Act applicable to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (including any free writing prospectus identified in Section 4(a) hereof), including timely filing with the Commission or retention where required and legending.

Section 5. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>. The Company covenants and agrees with the Agents that the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (a) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and accountants in connection with the registration of the Shares under the 1933 Act and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, Prospectus Supplement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Agents; (b) the cost of printing or producing this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, any blue sky memoranda, closing documents (including any compilations thereof) and any other documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares; (c) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 3(b) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Agents in connection with such qualification and

in connection with the blue sky surveys; (d) any filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Agents in connection with, any required review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Shares; (e) all fees and expenses in connection with listing or quoting the Shares on Nasdaq; (f) the cost of preparing the Shares; (g) the costs and charges of any transfer agent or registrar or any dividend distribution agent; and (h) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section 5. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section 5, and Section 7 hereof, the Agents will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of its counsel, transfer taxes on resale of any of the Shares by it, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers it may make.

Section 6. <u>Conditions of Agents' Obligation</u>. The obligations of the Agents hereunder shall be subject, in its discretion, to the condition that all representations and warranties and other statements of the Company and the Operating Partnership herein or in certificates of any officer of the Company and the Operating Partnership, as applicable, delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof are true and correct as of the time of the execution of this Agreement, the date of any executed Terms Agreement and as of each Registration Statement Amendment Date, Company Periodic Report Date, Applicable Time and Settlement Date, to the condition that the Company and the Operating Partnership shall have performed all of their obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed, and the following additional conditions:

(a) The Prospectus Supplement shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with and pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act on or prior to the date hereof and in accordance with Section 3(a) hereof, any other material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the 1933 Act shall have been filed with the Commission within the applicable time periods prescribed for such filings by Rule 433; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and all requests for additional information on the part of the Commission shall have been complied with the reasonable satisfaction of the Agents.

(b) On every date specified in Section 3(j) hereof and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, Cooley LLP, counsel for the Agents, shall have furnished to the Agents such written opinion or opinions, dated as of such date, with respect to such matters as the Agents may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such papers and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

(c) On every date specified in Section 3(j) hereof and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, BB&S, counsel for the Company and the Operating Partnership, and Venable LLP, counsel for the Company with respect to certain matters of Maryland law, respectively shall have furnished to the Agents written opinion or opinions and, with respect to BB&S only, a written negative assurance letter, each dated as of such date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents.

(d) At the dates specified in Section 3(k) hereof and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, the independent accountants of the Company who have certified the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus shall have furnished to the Agents a letter dated as of the date of delivery thereof and addressed to the Agents in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(e) Prior to commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement, the Agents shall have received a certificate, signed on behalf of the Company by its corporate Secretary, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel.

(f) (i) Upon commencement of the offering of Shares under this Agreement and on such other dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished promptly to the Agents a certificate of an officer in a form satisfactory to the Agents stating the minimum price for the sale of such Shares pursuant to this Agreement and the maximum number of Shares that may be issued and sold pursuant to this

Agreement or, alternatively, maximum gross proceeds from such sales, as authorized from time to time by the Company's board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof or, in connection with any amendment, revision or modification of such minimum price or maximum Share number or amount, a new certificate with respect thereto and (ii) on each date specified in Section 3(h), the Agents shall have received a certificate executed by the Chief Executive Officer or President of the Company, the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and an appropriate officer of the Operating Partnership, dated as of the date thereof, to the effect that (A) there has been no Material Adverse Effect since the date as of which information is given in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented, (B) the representations and warranties in Section 1 hereof are true and correct as of such date and (C) the Company and the Operating Partnership have complied with all of the agreements entered into in connection with the transaction contemplated herein and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied.

(g) Since the date of the latest audited financial statements then included or incorporated by reference in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred.

(h) The Company shall have complied with the provisions of Section 3(c) hereof with respect to the timely furnishing of prospectuses.

(i) On such dates as reasonably requested by the Agents, the Company shall have conducted due diligence sessions, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents.

(j) All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the 1933 Act to have been filed by each Applicable Time or related Settlement Date shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424 (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)).

(k) The Shares shall have received approval for listing or quotation on Nasdaq prior to the first Settlement Date.

(1) Prior to any Settlement Date, the Company and the Operating Partnership shall have furnished to the Agents such further information, documents or certificates as the Agents may reasonably request.

#### Section 7. Indemnification.

(a) The Company and the Operating Partnership, jointly and severally, will indemnify and hold harmless the Agents against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which the Agents may become subject, under the 1933 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any "issuer information" filed or required to be filed pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the 1933 Act, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse the Agents for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Agents in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that neither Company nor the Operating Partnership shall be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, in reliance upon and in strict conformity with the Agent Information (as defined below).

(b) Each Agent, severally but not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the Operating Partnership against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company may become subject, under the 1933 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged

omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, or any such amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, in reliance upon and in strict conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Agents expressly for use therein; and will reimburse the Company for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred. The Company and the Operating Partnership hereby acknowledge that the only information that the Agents has furnished to the Company expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, are the name of the Agents and the statements set forth in the ninth paragraph under the caption "Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus (the "Agent Information").

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such subsection except and then only to the extent such indemnifying party is materially prejudiced thereby. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party shall, not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 7 for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 7 is unavailable to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand and the Agents on the other from the offering of the Shares to which such loss, claim, damage or liability (or action in respect thereof) relates. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand and the Agents on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand and the Agents on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total commissions received by the Agents. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Operating Partnership on the one hand or the Agents on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company, the Operating Partnership and the Agents agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7(d) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 7(d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by

such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7(d), no Agent shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total compensation received by such Agent with respect to sales of the Shares sold by it to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Agent has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Agents' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7(d) are several in proportion to the respective number of Shares they have sold hereunder, and not joint.

(e) The obligations of the Company and the Operating Partnership under this Section 7 shall be in addition to any liability which the Company and the Operating Partnership may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to the directors, officers, employees, attorneys and agents of the Agents and to each person, if any, who controls the applicable Agent within the meaning of the 1933 Act and each broker dealer affiliate of the Agents; and the obligations of the Agents under this Section 7 shall be in addition to any liability which the Agents may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each director, officer, employee, attorney and agent of the Company and to each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the 1933 Act.

Section 8. <u>Representations</u>, <u>Warranties and Agreements to Survive Delivery</u>. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Agents, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of the Agents or any controlling person of an Agent, or the Company, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Shares.</u>

Section 9. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. The Company and the Operating Partnership acknowledge and agree that (i) each Agent is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Company and the Operating Partnership with respect to the offering of Shares contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of such offering) and (ii) the Agents have not assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company or the Operating Partnership with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Agents have advised or is currently advising the Company or the Operating Partnership on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company or the Operating Partnership except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement and (iii) the Company and the Operating Partnership have consulted their own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate. Each of the Company and the Operating Partnership agrees that it will not claim that the Agents have rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owe a fiduciary or similar duty to the Company or the Operating Partnership, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

## Section 10. Termination.

(a) The Company shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party, except that (i) with respect to any pending sale through the Agents for the Company, the obligations of the Company, including in respect of compensation of the Agents, shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination until such pending sales are settled; and (ii) the provisions of Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15, of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

(b) Each Agent shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate its participation in this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time. The Agents shall have the right, by giving joint written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate this Agreement in their sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that (i) with respect to any pending sale, including a pending sale pursuant to a Terms Agreement, through an Agent for the Company, the obligations of the Agent, as applicable, shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination until such pending sales are settled; and (ii) the provisions of Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

(c) Unless earlier terminated pursuant to this Section 10, this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the issuance and sale of all of the Shares by the Agents on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein except any termination pursuant to this clause (c) shall in all cases be deemed to provide that Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(d) This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until and unless terminated pursuant to Section 10(a), (b) or (c) above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties; provided that any such termination by mutual agreement or pursuant to this clause (d) shall in all cases be deemed to provide that Section 1, Section 5, Section 7, Section 8, Section 14 and Section 15 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(e) Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; <u>provided</u> that such termination shall not be effective until the close of business on the date of receipt of such notice by the Agents or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date for any sale of Shares, such sale shall settle in accordance with the provisions of Section 2(g) hereof.

(f) In the case of any purchase by an Agent pursuant to a Terms Agreement, such Agent may terminate this Agreement, at any time at or prior to the Settlement Date of such purchase (i) if there has been, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of such Agent, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of Shares, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the Nasdaq Stock Market, or if trading generally on the NYSE American or the NYSE or the Nasdaq Stock Market has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by such system or by order of the Commission, FINRA or any other governmental authority, or (iv) a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, or (v) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities.

Section 11. Notices. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and if to the Agents shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to:

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 Fax No. (414) 298-7474 Attention: Syndicate Department, with a copy to the Legal Department

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282 Fax No. (212) 902-9316 Attention: Registration Department;

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated One South Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Fax No. (443) 224-1273 Attention: Syndicate Department

Fifth Third Securities, Inc. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati, Ohio 45263 Fax No. (513) 5346757

Attention: Legal Department c/o Michael Bertkau

U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. 214 N. Tryon Street, 26th Floor Charlotte, NC 28202 Fax No.: 704-335-2393 Attention: Credit Fixed Income

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice): Cooley LLP 55 Hudson Yards New York, NY 10001 Fax No. (212) 479-6275 Attention: Daniel I. Goldberg

and if to the Company or the Operating Partnership to:

Gladstone Commercial Corporation 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100 McLean, Virginia 22102 Fax No. (703) 287-5801 Attention: Chief Executive Officer

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice): Bass, Berry & Sims PLC 150 Third Avenue South, Suite 2800 Nashville, Tennessee 37201 Fax No. (615) 741-2780; (877) 521-2816 Attention: Lori Morgan

Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect upon receipt thereof.

Section 12. <u>Parties</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Agents and the Company and, to the extent provided in Sections 7 and 8 hereof, the officers, directors, employees, attorneys and agents of the Company and the Agents and each person who controls the Company or an Agent, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of Shares through any Agent shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

Section 13. <u>Time of the Essence</u>. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement. As used herein, the term "business day" shall mean any day when the Commission's office in Washington, D.C. is open for business.

Section 14. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u> The Company and the Agents hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to jury trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 15. <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ITS PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.

Section 16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto and thereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement may be delivered by any party by facsimile or other electronic transmission.

Section 17. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

### Section 18. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

(a) In the event that any Agent that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Agent of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(b) In the event that any Agent that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Agent becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Agent are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States

For purposes of this Section 18, a "<u>BHC Act Affiliate</u>" has the meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k). "<u>Covered Entity</u>" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b). "<u>Default Right</u>" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable. "<u>U.S. Special Resolution Regime</u>" means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

[Signature page follows]

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement among each of the Agents and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ David Gladstone

Name: David Gladstone Title: Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: GCLP Business Trust II, its General Partner

By: /s/ David Gladstone

Name: David Gladstone Title: Trustee

By: <u>/s/ Michael Sodo</u> Name: Michael Sodo

Title: Trustee

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#### Accepted as of the date hereof:

# ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED

By:	/s/ Tim Stefanou
Name:	Tim Stefanou
Title:	Vice President

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

#### By: /s/ Jonathan Armstrong

Name: Jonathan Armstrong Title: Managing Director

STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

By:/s/ Daniel J. CorvattaName:Daniel J. Corvatta

Title: Managing Director

# FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.

By: /s/ Susannah Doyle Lunke

Name: Susannah Doyle Lunke

Title: Director, ECM, VP

FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.

By: /s/ Charles P. Carpenter

Name: Charles P. Carpenter

Title: Senior Vice President

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# Schedule 1

#### Subsidiaries

#### Delaware

2525 N Woodlawn Vstrm Wichita KS, LLC 260 Springside Drive, Akron OH LLC ABC12 Ottumwa IA LLC ACI06 Champaign IL LLC AFL05 Duncan SC LLC AFL05 Duncan SC Member LLC AFR11 Parsippany NJ LLC AL13 Brookwood LLC AL15 Birmingham LLC ALVANI02 GOOD 11198 Will Walker Road LLC APML07 Hialeah FL LLC CA14 Rancho Cordova GP LLC CA14 Rancho Cordova LP CBP11 Green Tree PA GP LLC CBP11 Green Tree PA, L.P. C08 Fridley MN LLC CDLCI07 Mason OH LLC CI05 Clintonville WI LLC CMI04 Canton NC LLC CO13 Englewood LLC CO14 Aurora LLC CO14 Denver LLC COCO04 Austin TX, L.P. COCO04 Austin TX GP LLC Corning Big Flats LLC Corning Big Flats Two LLC CVG12 New Albany OH LLC D08 Marietta OH LLC DBPI07 Bolingbrook IL LLC EE 208 South Rogers Lane, Raleigh NC LLC EE07 Raleigh NC, L.P. EE07 Raleigh NC GP LLC EI07 Tewksbury MA LLC First Park Ten COCO San Antonio, L.P. First Park Ten COCO San Antonio GP LLC FL16 Fort Lauderdale LLC FL17 Eatonville-1 LLC FL17 Eatonville-2 LLC FL17 Eatonville-3 LLC FLLKMO01 GOOD 1000 Business Center LLC FLOCAI01 GOOD 1900 Southwest St 38th Avenue LLC FLOCAI02 GOOD 808 Southwest 12th Street LLC FMCT08 Chalfont PA GP LLC FMCT08 Chalfont PA LP FS11 Hickory NC GP LLC FS11 Hickory NC, LP FTCHI07 Grand Rapids MI LLC

GA15 Hapeville LLC GA15 Villa Rica LLC GBI07 Syracuse NY LLC GCC1302 Egg Harbor NJ LLC GCC Acquisition Holdings, LLC GCO12 Jupiter FL LLC Gladstone Commercial Advisers, Inc. Gladstone Commercial Corporation Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership Gladstone Commercial Partners LLC Gladstone Commercial Lending LLC GSM, LLC HMBF05 Newburyport MA LLC IN14 Indianapolis LLC ININDI01 GOOD 5225 W 81st St LLC ININDI02 GOOD 5600 W Raymond, LLC IPA12 Ashburn VA LLC IPA12 Ashburn VA SPE LLC LittleArch04 Charlotte NC Member LLC Little Arch Charlotte NC LLC MI13 Novi LLC MI14 Monroe Frenchtown LLC MI14 Monroe Revard LLC MIDETI04 GOOD 4440 N Atlantic LLC MIDETI05 GOOD 7026 Sterling LLC MN13 Blaine, LLC MPI06 Mason OH LLC NARA12 Fort Worth TX, L.P. NARA12 Fort Worth TX GP LLC NCH12 Columbus OH LLC NH10 Cumming GA LLC NJPHII02 GOOD 5 Twosome LLC NW05 Richmond VA LLC OB Crenshaw GCC, L.P. OB Crenshaw SPE GP LLC OB Midway NC Gladstone Commercial LLC OH04 North Canton LLC OH14 Columbus LLC OH15 Dublin LLC OHCOLI01 GOOD 759 Pittsburgh LLC OHCOLI02 GOOD 1932 Pittsburgh Drive LLC OHCOLO05 GOOD 4343 Easton Commons LLC PA14 Taylor LLC PA16 Prussia LLC PA17 Conshohocken LLC PA17 Philadelphia LLC PNA11 Boston Heights OH LLC Pocono PA GCC GP LLC Pocono PA GCC, L.P. PZ05 Maple Heights OH LLC RC06 Menomonee Falls WI LLC RCOG07 Georgia LLC Richardson TX15 LLC RPT08 Pineville NC GP LLC

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# Ohio

Hemingway at Boston Heights, LLC

### Massachusetts

GCLP Business Trust I GCLP Business Trust II

# Schedule 2

#### **Notice Parties**

## Gladstone Commercial Corporation and Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership

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### GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (\$0.001 par value per share)

#### TERMS AGREEMENT

[ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202]

[GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC 200 West Street New York, New York 10282]

[STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED 501 North Broadway, 10th Floor Saint Louis, Missouri 63102]

[FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC. 38 Fountain Square Plaza Cincinnati, Ohio 45263]

[U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC. 214 N. Tryon Street, 26th Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28202]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein and in the At-the-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated December 3, 2019 (the "<u>Sales Agreement</u>"), among the Company, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., to issue and sell to [*insert name of designated agent*] (the "<u>Designated Agent</u>") the securities specified in the Schedule hereto (the "<u>Purchased Securities</u>") [, and solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, to grant to the Designated Agent the option to purchase the additional securities specified in the Schedule hereto (the "<u>Additional Securities</u>")]\*.

[The Designated Agent shall have the right to purchase from the Company all or a portion of the Additional Securities as may be necessary to cover over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Purchased Securities, at the same purchase price per share to be paid by the Designated Agent to the Company for the Purchased Securities. This option may be exercised by the Designated Agent at any time (but not more than once) on or before the thirtieth day following the date hereof, by written notice to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of shares of Additional Securities as to which the option is being exercised, and the date and time when the Additional Securities are to be delivered (such date and time being herein referred to as the "Option Closing Date"); provided, however, that the Option Closing Date shall not be earlier than the Time of Delivery (as set forth in the Schedule hereto) nor earlier than the second business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. Payment of the purchase price for the Additional Securities shall be made at the Option Closing Date in the same manner and at the same office as the payment for the Purchased Securities.]\*

Each of the provisions of the Sales Agreement not specifically related to the solicitation by the Designated Agent, as agent of the Company, of offers to purchase securities is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and shall be deemed to be part of this Terms Agreement to the same extent as if such provisions had been set forth in full herein. Each of the representations and warranties set forth therein shall be deemed to have been made at and as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Applicable Time [and any Option Closing Date]\*, except that each representation and warranty in Section 1 of the Sales Agreement which makes reference to the Prospectus (as therein defined) shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty as of the date of the Sales Agreement in relation to the Prospectus, and also a representation and warranty as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Settlement Date [and any Option Closing Date]\* in relation to the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to relate to the Purchased Securities.

An amendment to the Registration Statement (as defined in the Sales Agreement), or a supplement to the Prospectus, as the case may be, relating to the Purchased Securities [and the Additional Securities]\*, in the form heretofore delivered to the Designated Agent is now proposed to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Sales Agreement which are incorporated herein by reference, the Company agrees to issue and sell to the Designated Agent and the latter agrees to purchase from the Company the number of shares of the Purchased Securities at the time and place and at the purchase price set forth in the Schedule hereto.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Designated Agent and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name:

Title:

Accepted as of the date hereof:

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By: Name: Title:

\* Include only if the Designated Agent has an over-allotment option.

## **GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION**

### ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY

Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

FIRST: Under a power contained in Article SEVENTH of the charter of the Corporation (the "Charter"), the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board"), by duly adopted resolutions, reclassified and designated 2,600,000 authorized but unissued shares of the Corporation's 7.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock Stock") as (i) 2,590,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), and (ii) 10,000 shares of the Corporation's 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series E Preferred Stock"), each with the preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption as set forth in the Charter.

SECOND: Under a power contained in Article SEVENTH of the Charter, the Board, by duly adopted resolutions, reclassified and designated 2,750,000 authorized but unissued shares of the Corporation's 7.5% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series B Preferred Stock"), as shares of Series E Preferred Stock, with the preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption as set forth in the Charter.

THIRD: The foregoing shares of Common Stock and Series E Preferred Stock have been reclassified and designated by the Board under the authority contained in the Charter. After giving effect to such reclassification and designation of Common Stock and Series E Preferred Stock as set forth herein, the Corporation has authority to issue 86,290,000 shares of Common Stock, 6,000,000 shares of 7.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 6,760,000 shares of Series E Preferred Stock, and 950,000 shares of its senior common stock, \$0.001 par value per share. There has been no increase in the authorized shares of stock of the Corporation effected by these Articles Supplementary.

FOURTH: These Articles Supplementary have been approved by the Board in the manner and by the vote required by law.

<u>FIFTH</u>: The undersigned officer of the Corporation acknowledges these Articles Supplementary to be the corporate act of the Corporation and, as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned officer acknowledges that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties of perjury.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles Supplementary to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Executive Officer and attested by its Secretary this 2nd day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Michael LiCalsi

Name: Michael LiCalsi Title: Secretary GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ David Gladstone

Name: David Gladstone Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### December 3, 2019

Gladstone Commercial Corporation Suite 100 1521 Westbranch Drive McLean, Virginia 22102

#### Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-229209)

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law arising out of the registration of up to \$250,000,000 in shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company. The Shares are covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement, and all amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). The Shares are to be issued pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement and the At-The-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated as of December 3, 2019 (the "Sale Agreement"), by and among the Company, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, BTIG, LLC, and Fifth Third Securities, Inc.

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

#### 1. The Registration Statement;

2. The Prospectus, dated February 13, 2019, as supplemented by a Prospectus Supplement, dated December 3, 2019 (the "Prospectus Supplement"), filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated under the 1933 Act;

- 3. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
- 4. The Bylaws of the Company, as amended, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
- 5. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;

6. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") relating to, among other matters, (a) the establishment of an Offering Committee (the "Offering Committee") and a Pricing Committee (the "Pricing Committee") of the Board and (b) the delegation to the Offering Committee and the Pricing Committee of certain powers in connection with securities offerings of the Company (the "Board Resolutions"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

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7. Resolutions adopted by the Offering Committee relating to, among other matters, (a) the sale and issuance of the Shares, (b) the delegation to the Pricing Committee of the power to determine the number of Shares and the offering price of each Share to be sold from time to time pursuant to the Sale Agreement and (c) the authorization of the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Sale Agreement (the "Offering Committee Resolutions" and, together with the Board Resolutions, the "Resolutions"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

8. The Sale Agreement;

9. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof; and

10. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or any other person, is legally competent to do so.

2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.

3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.

4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.

5. The Shares will not be issued in violation of any restriction or limitation contained in Article EIGHTH of the Charter.

6. Upon the issuance of any of the Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.

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Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when and to the extent issued against payment therefor in accordance with the Registration Statement, the Prospectus Supplement, the Sale Agreement, the Resolutions and any other resolutions relating to the Shares adopted by the Board, the Offering Committee or the Pricing Committee, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning United States federal law or the laws of any other jurisdiction. We express no opinion as to compliance with any federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of judicial decisions which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form8-K relating to the Shares (the "Current Report"), which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Current Report and the said incorporation by reference and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP

#### December 3, 2019

Gladstone Commercial Corporation Suite 100 1521 Westbranch Drive McLean, Virginia 22102

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-229209)

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law arising out of the registration of up to \$100,000,000 in shares (the "Shares") of 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series E Preferred Stock"), of the Company, covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement, and all amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). The Shares are to be issued pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement (as defined herein) and the At-The-Market Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated as of December 3, 2019 (the "Sale Agreement"), by and among the Company, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

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3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.

4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.

5. The Shares will not be issued in violation of any restriction or limitation contained in Article EIGHTH of the Charter.

6. Upon the issuance of any shares of Series E Preferred Stock, the total number of shares of Series E Preferred Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Series E Preferred Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.

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Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when and to the extent issued against payment therefor in accordance with the Registration Statement, the Prospectus Supplement, the Sale Agreement, the Resolutions and any other resolutions relating to the Shares adopted by the Board, the Offering Committee or the Pricing Committee, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

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The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP

# BASS BERRY + SIMS...

150 Third Avenue South, Suite 2800 Nashville, TN 37201 (615) 742-6200

December 3, 2019

Gladstone Commercial Corporation 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100 McLean, Virginia 22102

# **Re: Gladstone Commercial Corporation**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as tax counsel to Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation ("*Gladstone*"), and Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership (the "*Operating Partnership*"), in connection with the issuance and sale of Gladstone's 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, pursuant to a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*SEC*") on December 3, 2019 (the "*Prospectus Supplement*") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Act*"), as part of a registration statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-229209 (the "*Registration Statement*"), which contains the base prospectus (the "*Prospectus*"). You have requested our opinion regarding certain U.S. federal income tax matters.

In connection with this opinion, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documentation and information provided by Gladstone as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinion set forth herein. In addition, Gladstone has provided us with, and we are relying upon, a certificate containing certain factual representations and covenants of duly authorized officers of Gladstone (the "*Officers' Certificate*") relating to, among other things, the actual and proposed operations of Gladstone, the Operating Partnership and the entities in which either holds, or has held, a direct or indirect interest (Gladstone, the Operating Partnership and such entities, collectively, the "*Company*").

For purposes of this opinion, we have not independently verified the facts, statements, representations and covenants set forth in the Officers' Certificate or in any other document. In particular, we note that the Company has engaged in, and may engage in, transactions in connection with which we have not provided legal advice, and have not reviewed, and of which we may be unaware. Consequently, we have relied on Gladstone's representations that the facts, statements, representations and covenants presented in the Officers' Certificate and other documents, or otherwise furnished to us, accurately and completely describe all material facts relevant to our opinion. We have assumed that all such facts, statements, representations and covenants are true without regard to any qualification as to knowledge, belief or intent. Our opinion is conditioned on the continuing accuracy and completeness of such facts, statements, representations and covenants. We are not aware of any facts inconsistent with such facts, statements, representations and covenants. Any material change or inaccuracy in the facts, statements, representations and covenants are free may affect our conclusions set forth herein.

In our review of certain documents in connection with our opinion expressed below, we have assumed (a) the genuineness of all signatures on documents that we have examined, (b) the authority and capacity of the individual or individuals executing such documents and (c) that each of the documents (i) has been duly authorized, executed and delivered, (ii) is authentic, if an original, or is accurate, if a copy, and (iii) has not been amended subsequent to our review. Where documents have been provided to us in draft form, we have assumed that the final executed versions of such documents will not differ materially from such drafts.

Our opinion also is based on the correctness of the following assumptions: (a) the entities comprising the Company have been and will continue to be operated in accordance with the laws of the jurisdictions in which they were formed and in the manner described in the relevant organizational documents, (b) there will be no changes in the applicable laws of the State of Maryland or of any other jurisdiction under the laws of which any of the entities comprising the Company have been formed and (c) each of the written agreements to which the Company is a party will be implemented, performed, construed and enforced in accordance with its terms.

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In rendering our opinion, we have considered and relied upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the 'Code'), the regulations promulgated thereunder (the 'Regulations'), administrative rulings and other interpretations of the Code and the Regulations by the courts and the Internal Revenue Service ('IRS'), all as they exist at the date hereof. It should be noted that the Code, Regulations, judicial decisions, and administrative interpretations are subject to change at any time and, in some circumstances, with retroactive effect. A material change that is made after the date hereof to any of the foregoing bases for our opinion could affect our conclusions set forth herein. In this regard, an opinion of counsel with respect to an issue represents counsel's best judgment as to the outcome on the merits with respect to such issue, is not binding on the IRS or the courts, and is not a guarantee that the IRS will not assert a contrary position with respect to such issue or that a court will not sustain such a position if asserted by the IRS.

We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the federal laws of the United States of America to the extent specifically referred to herein. In addition, we express no opinion on any issue relating to Gladstone, other than as expressly stated below.

Based on the foregoing and subject to the other qualifications, assumptions, representations and limitations included herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. Gladstone has been organized and has operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a real estate investment trust (a *"REIT*") pursuant to Sections 856 through 860 of the Code for its taxable years ended December 31, 2016 through December 31, 2018, and Gladstone's organization and current and proposed method of operation will enable it to continue to qualify for taxation as a REIT for its taxable year ending December 31, 2019 and in the future.

2. The statements contained in the Prospectus under the caption "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" and in the Prospectus Supplement under the caption "Additional Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" insofar as such statements constitute matters of law, summaries of legal matters, or legal conclusions, fairly present and summarize, in all material respects, the matters referred to therein.

Gladstone's continued qualification and taxation as a REIT depend upon its ability to meet, through actual annual operating results, certain requirements relating to the sources of its income, the nature of its assets, its distribution levels, the diversity of its stock ownership and various other qualification tests imposed under the Code and the Regulations, the results of which are not reviewed by us. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of Gladstone's operations for the current taxable year or any future taxable years will satisfy the requirements for taxation as a REIT under the Code.

This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and we are under no obligation to supplement or revise our opinion to reflect any legal developments or factual matters arising subsequent to the date hereof, or the impact of any information, document, certificate, record, statement, representation, covenant, or assumption relied upon herein that becomes incorrect or untrue. We will not review on a continuing basis the Company's compliance with the documents or assumptions set forth above, or the representations set forth in the Officers' Certificate. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of the Company's operations for the current taxable year or any future taxable years will satisfy the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT.

The foregoing opinion is based on current provisions of the Code and the Regulations, published administrative interpretations thereof, and published court decisions. The IRS has not issued Regulations or administrative interpretations with respect to various provisions of the Code relating to REIT qualification and taxation. No assurance can be given that the law will not change in a way that will prevent Gladstone from qualifying as a REIT.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the U.S. federal income tax matters addressed herein, and no other opinion is rendered with respect to other federal tax matters or to any issues arising under the tax laws of any other country, or any state or locality. This opinion letter speaks only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to update any opinion expressed herein after the date of this letter. This opinion letter has been prepared in connection with the filing of the Prospectus Supplement and may not be relied upon by any other person or used for any other purpose without our express prior written consent, provided that this opinion may be relied upon by persons entitled to rely on it pursuant to applicable provisions of federal securities laws.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to Bass, Berry & Sims PLC under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required by the Act or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the SEC.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bass, Berry & Sims PLC

#### FIRST AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF

#### GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

## This FIRST AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (this

"*Amendment*") is entered into and effective as of this 2nd day of December, 2019, by and among Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation, GCLP Business Trust II, a Massachusetts business trust, and each of the other Persons who is a party to or otherwise bound by the Agreement and is listed as a Holder in the books and records of the Partnership.

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership (the "*Partnership*"), was formed as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware, pursuant to a Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware effective as of May 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.15 of that certain Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, dated as of July 11, 2019 (the "Agreement"), the General Partner desires to amend the Agreement.

# AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, of mutual covenants between the parties hereto, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties hereto agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms defined in the Agreement have the same meaning when used herein.
- 2. <u>Amendments to Agreement</u>.
  - (a) Article I of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:
    - (i) The definition of "**Preferred Parity Units**" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

""Preferred Parity Units' means all classes or series of Preferred Units issued by the Partnership, the terms of which specifically provide that such Preferred Units rank on a parity with such Preferred Parity Units with respect to distribution rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Partnership, including the Series D Preferred Units, Series E Preferred Units and any other Preferred Units to be issued in the future and designated to rank on a parity with such Preferred Parity Units with respect to distribution rights and rights upon liquidation.

- (ii) The definition of "Series A Preferred Units" is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- (iii) The definition of "Series B Preferred Units" is hereby deleted in its entirety.

(iv) The following definition of "Series E Preferred Units" is hereby inserted in its proper alphabetical position:

"Series E Preferred Units' means '6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Unit' of the Partnership, as designated in Exhibit SEP."

(b) Article IV, Section 4.02 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Classes and Series of Partnership Units Until such time as additional classes or series of Partnership Units are created pursuant to <u>Section 4.03(a)</u> below, the Partnership shall have the following five (5) classes of Partnership Units: "OP Units", "LTIP Units", "Senior Common Units", "Series D Preferred Units" and "Series E Preferred Units". Subject to <u>Section 4.06</u>, OP Units, LTIP Units, Senior Common Units, Series D Preferred Units, Series E Preferred Units or other Partnership Units of any additional class or series, at the election of the General Partner, may be issued to newly admitted Partners in exchange for any Capital Contributions by such Partners and/or the provision of services by such Partners; provided, that any Partnership Unit that is not specifically designated by the General Partner as being of a particular class shall be deemed to be an OP Unit."

(c) Article XIII, Section 13.02(a)(iv) of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Fourth, to the holders of Series D Preferred Units and Series E Preferred Units in accordance with the terms of Exhibit SDP and Exhibit SEP; and"

- (d) Exhibit SAP is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- (e) Exhibit SBP is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- (f) Exhibit SEP of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:
  - (i) Section 1 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Number of Units and Designation. A series of cumulative redeemable preferred units, designated the "6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units" (the "Series E Preferred Units") is hereby established and the number of units constituting such Series E Preferred Units shall be 6,760,000.

- (ii) The definition of "Series A Preferred Units" in Section 2 is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- (iii) The definition of "Series B Preferred Units" in Section 2 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

(iv) Section 11 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"**Ranking.** In respect of rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Partnership, the Series E Preferred Units shall rank (i) senior to the Common Units, the Senior Common Units and any other class or series of Partnership Interest of the Partnership, the terms of which expressly provide that such Partnership Interest ranks junior to the Series E Preferred Units as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Partnership, (ii) on a parity with the Series D Preferred Units and any other class or series of Partnership Interest of the Partnership, (ii) on a parity with the Series D Preferred Units and any other class or series of Partnership Interest of the Partnership, the terms of which expressly provide that such Partnership Interest ranks on parity with the Series E Preferred Units as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Partnership, the terms of which expressly provide that such Partnership Interest ranks on parity with the Series E Preferred Units as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Partnership, and (iii) junior to any other class or series of Partnership Interest of the Partnership, the terms of which expressly provide that such Partnership Interest ranks senior to the Series E Preferred Units as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Partnership, and to all existing and future debt obligations of the Partnership."

3. Except as set forth herein, all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect following the execution of this Amendment.

4. This Amendment may be executed in any number of original or facsimile counterparts and, when so executed, all of such counterparts shall constitute a single instrument binding upon all parties hereto notwithstanding that all parties are not signatory to the original or facsimile or to the same counterpart.

5. This Amendment shall be effective upon the execution hereof by the General Partner.

6. In the event any provision of this Amendment is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severed from the remainder of this Amendment and replaced with a valid and enforceable provision as similar in intent as reasonably possible to the provision so severed, and shall not cause the invalidity or unenforceability of the remainder of this Amendment.

#### [SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have hereunder affixed their signatures to this First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Gladstone Commercial Limited Partnership as of the 2nd day of December, 2019.

# GENERAL PARTNER:

### **GCLP Business Trust II**

By: <u>/s/ David J. Gladstone</u> Name: David J. Gladstone Title: Trustee

By: <u>/s/ Robert Cutlip</u> Name: Robert Cutlip Title: Trustee

By: <u>/s/ Michael Sodo</u> Name: Michael Sodo Title: Trustee

# SOLE LIMITED PARTNER:

## **GCLP Business Trust I**

By: /s/ David J. Gladstone Name: David J. Gladstone Title: Trustee

By: <u>/s/ Robert Cutlip</u> Name: Robert Cutlip Title: Trustee

By: <u>/s/ Michael Sodo</u> Name: Michael Sodo Title: Trustee

#### PARENT:

# **Gladstone Commercial Corporation**

By: <u>/s/ David J. Gladstone</u> Name: David J. Gladstone Title: Chief Executive Officer

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