

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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On August 1, 2018, Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing that it has issued an open letter to its stockholders (the "Letter"), urging them to Stop, Look and Listen before taking any action in response to Joseph Stilwell, Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P., Stilwell Value LLC and certain of their affiliates solicitation of proxies for the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. A copy of the press release and Letter are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 respectively and incorporated herein.

Important Additional Information

The Company, its directors and certain of its executive officers are participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company's stockholders in connection with the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Company intends to file a proxy statement and WHITE proxy card with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in connection with any such solicitation of proxies from the Company's stockholders. **STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ SUCH PROXY STATEMENT, ACCOMPANYING WHITE PROXY CARD AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AS THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

Exhibit 99.3 attached hereto contains information regarding the direct and indirect interest, by securities holdings or otherwise, of the Company's directors and executive officers that are participants in the solicitation, in the Company's securities. If the holdings of the Company's securities change from the amounts provided in Exhibit 99.3, such changes will be set forth in SEC filings on Forms 3, 4, and 5, which can be found through the Company's website at www.whlr.us in the section "SEC Filings" under the "Investor Relations" section or through the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Information can also be found in the Company's other SEC filings, including the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Updated information regarding the identity of potential participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the definitive proxy statement and other materials to be filed with the SEC in connection with the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Stockholders will be able to obtain the definitive proxy statement, any amendments or supplements to the proxy statement and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC at no charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies will also be available at no charge at the Company's website at www.whlr.us in the section "SEC Filings" under the "Investor Relations" section.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number of	Description
	Exhibit
	<u>Press release</u>
	<u>dated August</u>
	<u>1, 2018</u>
<u>99.1</u>	<u>announcing</u>
	<u>letter to</u>
	<u>shareholders.</u>
<u>99.2</u>	<u>Letter to</u>
	<u>stockholders.</u>
	<u>Security</u>
	<u>Holdings of</u>
	<u>the</u>
	<u>Participants</u>
<u>99.3</u>	<u>as of August</u>
	<u>1, 2018.</u>