



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

January 10, 2013

Via E-Mail

James J. Sebra
Chief Financial Officer
RAIT Financial Trust
2929 Arch Street, 17th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Re: RAIT Financial Trust
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011
Filed February 24, 2012
File No. 001-14760**

Dear Mr. Sebra:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your filing and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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1. We note your response to comment two in our letter dated December 4, 2012. Given that a significant portion of your interest bearing liabilities continue to finance a significant portion of your interest earning assets, we continue to believe that you should use a net interest income presentation consistent with Article 9 of Regulation S-X. Please revise in future filings.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company

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and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jorge L. Bonilla at (202) 551-3414 or me at (202) 551-3486.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel L. Gordon

Daniel L. Gordon
Branch Chief