



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

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3233

July 6, 2016

Via E-mail

Timothy P. Mihalick  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Investors Real Estate Trust  
1400 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW, Suite 60  
Minot, ND 58702

**Re: Investors Real Estate Trust  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed June 23, 2016  
File No. 333-212203**

Dear Mr. Mihalick:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to those issues we have addressed in our 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 by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. 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 registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

General

1. We note that Part III of your annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016 incorporates by reference portions of your definitive proxy statement which has not been filed yet. Please be advised that we cannot accelerate the effective date of your registration statement until you have amended the Form 10-K to include Part III information or filed the definitive proxy statement. Please refer to Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations, Securities Act Forms Questions 123.01.

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2. We note that your annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016 was filed on June 29, 2016. Please revise to specifically incorporate this annual report and disclose the date on which it was filed. Refer to Item 12(a)(1) of Form S-3.

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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 Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company 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.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact Nicole Collings, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-6431 or me at (202) 551-3758 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sandra B. Hunter

Sandra B. Hunter  
Staff Attorney  
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cc: Joy Newborg, Esq.  
Via E-mail