



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3233

October 5, 2017

Via E-Mail

John G. Murray
President and Chief Operating Officer
Hospitality Properties Trust
Two Newton Place
255 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, Massachusetts 02458

**Re: Hospitality Properties Trust
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016
Filed March 1, 2017
Definitive Proxy Statement Filed April 24, 2017
File No. 1-11527**

Dear Mr. Murray:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kim McManus

Kim McManus
Senior Attorney
Office of Real Estate and
Commodities