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## **Equity Commonwealth Announces Update to Tax Treatment of 2018 Distributions**

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CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Equity Commonwealth (NYSE: EQC) today announced an update to the tax treatment of its 2018 common and preferred share distributions to include Section 199A reporting, which are as follows:

Common Stock (CUSIP No. 294628102)

<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payable Date</u>	<u>Distribution Per Share</u>	<u>Ordinary Dividends</u>	<u>Section 199A Dividends 1</u>
10/09/2018	10/23/2018	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50
	Total	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50

Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (CUSIP No. 294628201)

<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payable Date</u>	<u>Distribution Per Share</u>	<u>Ordinary Dividends</u>	<u>Section 199A Dividends<sup>1</sup></u>
1/30/2018	2/15/2018	\$0.40625	\$0.40625	\$0.40625
4/27/2018	5/15/2018	\$0.40625	\$0.40625	\$0.40625
7/30/2018	8/15/2018	\$0.40625	\$0.40625	\$0.40625
10/29/2018	11/15/2018	\$0.40625	\$0.40625	\$0.40625
	Total	\$1.62500	\$1.62500	\$1.62500

(1) Section 199A Dividends are reported in Box 5 of Form 1099-DIV. Section 199A Dividends are a subset of, and included in, Ordinary Dividends, which are reported in Box 1a of Form 1099-DIV.

This release is based on estimates and is subject to correction or adjustment when the tax filings are completed. No material change in these classifications is expected. Shareholders are encouraged to consult with their tax advisors as to the specific tax treatment of the distributions received from the Company, including their eligibility to qualify for the Section 199A deduction.

### **About Equity Commonwealth**

Equity Commonwealth (NYSE: EQC) is a Chicago based, internally managed and self-advised real estate investment trust (REIT) with commercial office properties in the United States. As of September 30, 2018, EQC's portfolio comprised 11 properties and 5.4 million square feet.

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