Form **8937**
(December 2011)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name	2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)
Putnam Mortgage Opportunities Fund	47-3093372

3 Name of contact for additional information	4 Telephone No. of contact	5 Email address of contact
Putnam Investor Services	800-225-1581	N/A

6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact	7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact
100 Federal Street	Boston

8 Date of action	9 Classification and description
	RIC Shares - Common

10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
See Attached	N/A	See Attached	N/A

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶

Shareholders in the Putnam Mortgage Opportunities Fund on the record dates per the attached statement received distributions, a portion of which represent a return of capital. As a result of the non-taxable distributions, the shareholders of record will be required to reduce the basis in their RIC common shares of this fund by amounts designated as a return of capital.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶

The shareholders' basis in their shares of this RIC is reduced by the distributions paid during calendar year 2020 which have been determined to be a return of capital. The impact to the shareholders' basis, on a per-share basis, can be found on the attached.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶

The Putnam Mortgage Opportunities Fund had a return of capital of $225,827 at its fiscal year ended 5/31/20. This represents 4.41123% of the 2020 distributions which were paid in this fiscal year of $5,119,365. See attached for per share amounts.

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶

The portion of the distributions which are taxable as a dividend is determined under IRC §316(a) - Definition of Dividend - distributions from current and accumulated earnings and profits of the taxable year. The distributions which are not taxable as a dividend are characterized as a return of capital and used to reduce the shareholders' basis in their shares of the fund as provided for under IRC §301(c)(2).

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶

N/A

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶

See Attached

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ 9/3/20

Print your name ▶ **Michael Higgins** Title ▶ **Treasurer**

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Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶			Phone no.	

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