



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

August 16, 2011

Via E-mail

Thomas C. Staples
Chief Financial Officer
Winthrop Realty Trust
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**Re: Winthrop Realty Trust
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2010
Filed March 16, 2011
Form 10-Q for Quarterly Period Ended
March 31, 2011
Filed May 6, 2011
File No. 001-06249**

Dear Mr. Staples:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or 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. 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 rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Woody

Kevin Woody
Branch Chief