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VIA EDGAR

Sonia Gupta Barros Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, Inc.
Amendment No. 2 to Draft Registration Statement on Form S-11
Submitted June 17, 2016
CIK No. 0001662972

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, Inc. (the "Company"), we hereby confidentially submit to the staff (the "Staff") of the Division of Corporation Finance of the Securities and Exchange Commission responses to certain of the comments from the Staff's comment letter dated July 8, 2016 (the "Comment Letter") relating to the above-referenced draft registration statement on Form S-11 (the "Draft Registration Statement"). The Company will provide responses to the remaining comments from the Comment Letter and file an amendment to the Draft Registration Statement addressing such comments at a later date.

To assist your review, we have retyped the text of the Staff's comments that the Company is responding to in this letter in italics below. Unless otherwise defined below, terms defined in the Draft Registration Statement and used below shall have the meanings given to them in the Draft Registration Statement. The responses and information described below are based upon information provided to us by the Company.

Net Asset Value Calculation and Valuation Guidelines, page 127

4. Please tell us and revise to disclose how you will consider stockholder servicing fees for purposes of calculating NAV and, specifically, when they will be recognized in that calculation.

Response:

The Company will revise its disclosure on page 133 and 134 to clarify how stockholder servicing fees will affect the calculation of NAV and that the accrued stockholder servicing fees will be recognized in the calculation of NAV each month. The Company is attaching the proposed changes in Exhibit A hereto.

The Company acknowledges that for purposes of its GAAP financial statements it will accrue the full cost of the stockholder servicing fees as an offering cost at the time each Class T, Class S and Class D share is sold during the primary offering. However, as described in the prospectus, stockholder servicing fees are paid quarterly over time and not all up front on the date of issuance of shares. For the reasons described below, the Company strongly believes that the equitable approach for all investors in a class of shares subject to a stockholder servicing fee is to accrue the fee over time for purposes of calculating NAV.

The NAV of a share is intended to approximate the liquidation fair market value of that share's interest in the assets and liabilities of the Company at a point in time. Stockholder servicing fees will no longer be payable in the event of a liquidation. Therefore, they should be ignored when calculating NAV. This is consistent with industry practices. For example, the Investment Program Association Practice Guideline 2013-01, Valuations of Publicly Registered Non-Listed REITs, dated April 29, 2013 ("IPA NAV Guidelines"), provide for the deduction of certain "fees . . . payable in a hypothetical liquidation of the company as of the valuation date." (See page 10.) And while the IPA NAV Guidelines, when discussing the determination of liabilities, provide for the use of GAAP book value, they do so only "when it approximates fair value." (See page 10.) In this instance, GAAP book value would not approximate fair value because no buyer of the Company's assets and liabilities in a liquidation would include the to-be-terminated stockholder servicing fees when calculating what the buyer was willing to pay for those assets and liabilities.

Additionally, a Class T or S share would need to be outstanding for 7 years and a Class D share would need to be outstanding for 35 years (assuming a constant \$10 share price) for the maximum stockholder servicing fee to be paid. As a result, recognizing the full amount of the stockholder servicing fee at the time a share is sold would not approximate the liquidation fair market value of such share, but rather would artificially reduce the true fair market value of the share. It is also possible that reducing the NAV by the entire stockholder servicing fee at the time of issuance would confuse investors — i.e., it may appear as double-counting the fee for purposes of NAV since by its terms the fee is payable over time, but it would also be deducted from NAV in full at the time of issuance. Since NAV is the basis upon which new shares are sold and existing shares are repurchased, the Company believes that investors who purchase shares later in the offering would unfairly benefit from the reduction in the NAV per share that would result from such full recognition, notwithstanding that the cash that is payable in the future in respect of those stockholder servicing fees remains invested in the Company,

and those investors who purchase the shares early in the offering or who have their shares repurchased after such date will be unfairly disadvantaged. For illustration, if NAV were calculated using the GAAP treatment of the stockholder servicing fees, a hypothetical investor who purchased Class T or Class S shares during the escrow period and then had them repurchased the month following the escrow period would effectively bear 7 years' worth of stockholder servicing fees over a one-month period.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Related Party Transactions, page F-6

7. We note from your disclosure that stockholder servicing fees will accrue monthly and be paid quarterly in arrears. Please tell us how your apparent accounting policy of accruing these fees on a monthly basis complies with GAAP. Refer to paragraph 36 of CON 6.

Response:

The Company notes that its accounting policy is to accrue the cost of the stockholder servicing fee as an offering cost at the time each Class T, Class S, and Class D share is sold in the primary offering. The Company will revise the notes to its financial statements on page F-6 in response to this comment. The Company is attaching the proposed changes in Exhibit A hereto.

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Please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 455-3577 with any questions or further comments regarding this submission or if you wish to discuss any of the above responses.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Andrew R. Keller

Andrew R. Keller

cc: BX REIT Advisors L.L.C. Judy Turchin Leon Volchyok

Exhibit A

NAV and NAV Per Share Calculation

We are offering to the public four classes of shares of our common stock: Class T shares, Class S shares, Class D shares and Class I shares. Our NAV will be calculated for each of these classes by <u>State Street</u> approved by our board of directors, including a majority of our independent directors. Our board of directors, including a majority of our independent directors, may replace <u>State Street</u> with another party, including our Adviser, if it is deemed appropriate to do so. The Adviser is responsible for reviewing and confirming our NAV, and overseeing the process around the calculation of our NAV, in each case, as performed by <u>State Street</u>.

Each class will have an undivided interest in our assets and liabilities, other than class-specific stockholder servicing fees. In accordance with the valuation guidelines, State Street will calculate our NAV per share for each class as of the last calendar day of each month following the escrow period, using a process that reflects several components (each as described above), including the estimated fair value of (1) each of our properties based in part upon individual appraisal reports provided periodically by third-party independent valuation firms and reviewed by our independent valuation adviser, as finally determined and updated monthly by the Adviser, with review and confirmation for reasonableness by our independent valuation advisor, (2) our real estate-related securities for which third-party market quotes are available, (3) our other real estate-related securities, if any, and (4) our other assets and liabilities, including accruals of our operating revenues and expenses. Because stockholder servicing fees allocable to a specific class of shares will only be included in the NAV calculation for that class, the NAV per share for our share classes may differ.

At the conclusion of the escrow period, NAV for each class of shares will be equal to the net proceeds received by us from purchases of shares during the escrow period in each respective class, less our liabilities. Thereafter, beginning with the first full calendar month after we break escrow, at the end of each month, before taking into consideration additional issuances of shares of capital stock, repurchases or class-specific expense accruals for that month, any change in our aggregate NAV (whether an increase or decrease) will be allocated among each class of shares based on each class's relative percentage of the previous aggregate NAV. The NAV calculation will be available generally within 15 calendar days after the end of the applicable month. Changes in our monthly NAV will include, without limitation, accruals of our net portfolio income, interest expense, the management fee, any accrued performance participation, distributions, unrealized/realized gains and losses on assets, any applicable organization and offering costs and any expense reimbursements. The net portfolio income will be calculated and accrued on the basis of data extracted from (1) the monthly budget for each property and at the Operating Partnership level, (2) material non-recurring events, including, but not limited to, capital expenditures, prepayment penalties, assumption fees, tenant buyouts, lease termination fees and tenant turnover with respect to our properties when the Adviser becomes aware of such events and the relevant information is available and (3) material property acquisitions and dispositions occurring during the month. On an ongoing basis, the Adviser will adjust the accruals to reflect actual operating results and the outstanding receivable, payable and other account balances resulting from the accumulation of monthly accruals for which financial information is available.

The Adviser has agreed to advance all of our organization and offering expenses on our behalf (other than <u>upfront</u> selling commissions, <u>dealer manager fees</u> and stockholder servicing fees) through the first anniversary of the date on which we break escrow for this offering. We will reimburse the Adviser for such advanced expenses ratably over the 60 months following the first anniversary of the date on which we break escrow for this offering. For purposes of calculating our NAV, the organization and offering expenses paid by the Adviser through the first anniversary of the date on which we break escrow for this offering will not be recognized as expenses or as a component of equity and reflected in our NAV until we reimburse the Adviser for these costs.

Following the aggregation of the net asset values of our investments, the addition of any other assets (such as cash on hand), the deduction of any other liabilities and the allocation of income and expenses, <u>State Street</u> will incorporate any class-specific adjustments to our NAV, including additional issuances and repurchases of our common stock and accruals of class-specific stockholder servicing fees. <u>For each applicable class of shares</u>, the <u>stockholder servicing fee</u> will be calculated as a percentage of the aggregate NAV for such class of shares. Please see the hypothetical calculation in the paragraph below for an example of how the stockholder servicing fee will

affect the calculation of NAV of each applicable class of shares each month. At the close of business on the date that is one business day after each record date for any declared distribution, which we refer to as the "distribution adjustment date," our NAV for each class will be reduced to reflect the accrual of our liability to pay any distribution to our stockholders of record of each class as of the record date. NAV per share for each class is calculated by dividing such class's NAV at the end of each month by the number of shares outstanding for that class at the end of such month.

A hypothetical calculation illustrating the various components that are likely to impact our NAV on any given month is below. For purposes of this illustration, we assume that the calculation occurs on a hypothetical month during the first year of our operations that does not include any payment or accrual of distributions on our shares or any operating expenses other than the management fee and the performance participation allocation. As described above and in the footnote to the table below, each class of shares may have a different NAV per share because stockholder servicing fees will differ with respect to each class. Net portfolio income and unrealized/ realized gains on assets and liabilities for any month is allocated proportionately among the share classes according to the NAV of the classes at the beginning of the month. The stockholder servicing fee for each applicable class of shares will be calculated by multiplying the accrued monthly stockholder servicing fee rate (1/12th of the total annual stockholder servicing fee rate for each applicable class of shares) by the aggregate NAV of such class of shares for that month, after adjustment for any net portfolio income or loss, unrealized/realized gains or losses on assets and liabilities, management fee expense and performance participation allocation accrual. All amounts shown in the hypothetical calculation below are for illustrative purposes only, are not indicative of our current or projected financial condition or performance and actual results could be materially different.

| | | Class T NAV | Class S NAV | Class D NAV | Class I NAV | Total NAV |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A <u>B</u> <u>C</u> | Beginning NAV Before New Purchases for Hypothetical Month | \$37,500,000 — \$37,500,000 | \$37,500,000 — \$37,500,000 | _ | \$37,500,000 — \$37,500,000 | \$150,000,000 — \$150,000,000 |
| <u>D</u> | Net Portfolio Income (Loss) (Before Fees) Unrealized/Realized Gains (Losses) on Assets and | 196,875 | 196,875 | 196,875 | 196,875 | 787,500 |
| F | Liabilities | 84,375 | 84,375 | 84,375 | 84,375 | 337,500 |
| <u>G</u> | of C + D + E) | (39,356) | (39,356) | (39,356) | (39,356) | (157,424) |
| H | enough for full Catch-Up) Stockholder Servicing Fee (1/12th of annual stockholder servicing fee rate; multiplied | (30,237) | (30,237) | (30,237) | (30,237) | (120,948) |
| ī | by the sum of C through G) NAV Before Share Repurchases | (23,570) | (23,570) | (7,857) | _ | (54,997) |
| Į Į K | (Sum of C through H) Share Repurchases ⁽¹⁾ | 37,688,087 — | 37,688,087 — | 37,703,800 | 37,711,657 — | 150,791,631 |
| | Ending NAV for Hypothetical Month (Sum of I + J) | \$37,688,087 | \$37,688,087 | \$37,703,800 | \$37,711,657 | \$150,791,631 |

applicable repurchase date, subject to any early repurchase deduction. Shares that have not been owned continuously by the same holder for at least one year would be repurchased at 95% of the transaction price. Due to the illiquid nature of investments in real estate, the Company may not have sufficient liquid resources to fund repurchase requests and has established limitations on the amount of funds the Company may use for repurchases during any calendar month and quarter. Further, the Company may modify, suspend or terminate the share repurchase plan.

4. Related Party Transactions

The Company intends to enter into an advisory agreement with the Adviser. Pursuant to the advisory agreement between the Company and the Adviser, the Adviser is responsible for sourcing, evaluating and monitoring the Company's investment opportunities and making decisions related to the acquisition, management, financing and disposition of the Company's assets, in accordance with the Company's investment objectives, guidelines, policies and limitations, subject to oversight by the Company's board of directors.

Certain affiliates of the Company, including the Adviser, will receive fees and compensation in connection with the offering and ongoing management of the assets of the Company. The Adviser will be paid a management fee equal to 1.25% of NAV per annum, payable monthly. The management fee will be paid, at the Adviser's election, in cash or shares or BREIT OP units. The Adviser has agreed to waive its management fee for the first six months following the date on which the initial proceeds the Offering are released from escrow.

The Company may retain certain of the Adviser's affiliates for necessary services relating to the Company's investments or its operations, including any administrative services, construction, special servicing, leasing, development, property oversight and other property management services, as well as services related to mortgage servicing, group purchasing, healthcare, consulting/brokerage, capital markets/credit origination, loan servicing, property, title and/or other types of insurance, management consulting and other similar operational matters. Any such arrangements will be on arm's-length terms and at competitive market rates. As of <u>June 30, 2016 and</u> March 31, 2016, the Company has not retained an affiliate of the Adviser for any such services.

The Special Limited Partner will hold a performance participation interest in the BREIT OP that entitles it to receive an allocation from BREIT OP equal to 12.5% of the annual Total Return, subject to a 5% annual Hurdle Amount and a High Water Mark, with a Catch-Up (each term as will be defined in the BREIT OP limited partnership agreement). Such allocation will be made annually and accrue monthly.

In addition, Blackstone Advisory Partners L.P. (the "Dealer Manager") will serve as the dealer manager for the Offering. The Dealer Manager is a registered broker-dealer affiliated with the Adviser. The Company intends to enter into an agreement (the "Dealer Manager Agreement") with the Dealer Manager in connection with the Offering. The Company's obligations, under the Dealer Manager Agreement, to pay stockholder servicing fees with respect to the Class T, Class S and Class D shares distributed in the Offering shall survive until such shares are no longer outstanding (including because such shares converted into Class I shares).

The Dealer Manager will be entitled to receive selling commissions of up to 3.0%, and dealer manager fees of 0.5%, of the transaction price of each Class T share sold in the primary offering. The Dealer Manager will be entitled to receive selling commissions of up to 3.5% of the transaction price of each Class S share sold in the primary offering. The Dealer Manager will also receive a stockholder servicing fee of 0.75%, 0.75% and 0.25% per annum of the aggregate NAV of the Company's outstanding Class T shares, Class S shares and Class D shares, respectively. The Company will cease paying the stockholder servicing fee with respect to any Class T share, Class S share or Class D share sold in the primary offering at the end of the month in which the total selling commissions, dealer manager fees and stockholder servicing fees paid with respect to such share would exceed 8.75% of the gross proceeds from the sale of such share. The Company will accrue the cost of the stockholder servicing fee as an offering cost at the time each Class T, Class S and Class D share is sold during the primary offering. There will not be a stockholder servicing fee with respect to Class I shares.