

**Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.  
Announces Results of Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

NEW YORK – (Business Wire) – January 27, 2010 Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc., which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “HIO,” announced today the results of the votes cast at the Fund’s annual meeting of shareholders held on January 26, 2010.

Leslie H. Gelb, William R. Hutchinson, and Dr. Riordan Roett were elected as Class III Directors of Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. by holders of the Fund’s common stock to hold office until the annual meeting of shareholders in the year 2013 or thereafter when respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. is a diversified closed-end management investment company. It is advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc. and is sub-advised by Western Asset Management Company, an affiliate of the adviser.

Contact the Fund at 1-888-777-0102 for more information, or visit the Fund’s web site at [www.leggmason.com/cef](http://www.leggmason.com/cef).

All data and commentary provided within this press release is for informational purposes only. Legg Mason, Inc. and its affiliates do not engage in selling any of the shares of the Fund. The Fund's common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

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