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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR INVESTMENT IN PREFERRED SHARES

PIONEER MUNICIPAL AND EQUITY INCOME TRUST

Dear Holder of Preferred Shares:

As you may know, the Board of Trustees of Pioneer Municipal and Equity Income Trust has called a Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on September 11, 2008. At this Special Meeting, shareholders will be asked to approve an Agreement and Plan of Merger between your fund (a closed-end fund) and Pioneer Tax Free Income Fund (an open-end fund). Consequently, if shareholders approve the merger, your fund will redeem all of its outstanding Auction Market Preferred Shares (AMPS). Holders of common shares and AMPS will vote as separate classes on the proposed merger.

If shareholders approve the merger, in accordance with the provisions of your

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fund's Statement of Preferences for AMPS, holders of AMPS will receive \$25,000 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon through the date fixed for redemption.

The Trustees have concluded that the proposal is in the best interests of the fund and its shareholders and unanimously recommend that you vote "FOR" the merger.

THE FUND'S RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE YET TO VOTE ON THIS PROPOSAL. IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT NOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE SO THAT YOUR SHARES MAY BE REPRESENTED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING.

Another copy of your proxy ballot is enclosed for your convenience. Should you have any questions regarding the proposal or to vote your shares, please call 1-800-591-8238 and ask for Jennifer Kennedy.

To vote your shares, the following voting options have been set up for your convenience.

Vote by Phone. You may cast your vote by phone by calling the phone number located on the enclosed proxy ballot.

Vote Through the Internet. You may cast your vote using the Internet by logging onto [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and following the instructions on the website.

Vote by Mail. You may cast your vote by signing, dating and mailing the enclosed proxy ballot in the postage paid return envelope provided.

Again, should you have any questions regarding this Special Meeting, please do not hesitate to call toll-free 1-800-591-8238 and ask for Jennifer Kennedy.

Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees

Your fund has filed a combined proxy statement and prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the matters to be acted upon at the September 11, 2008 Special Meeting. Shareholders are urged to carefully review the proxy statement/prospectus because it contains important information. This letter may be deemed to be solicitation material with respect to the proxy statement/prospectus. Investors may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Investors also may obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus by calling (800) 591-8238.

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