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PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST Form 3 January 25, 2017 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST Cox Samuel O (Month/Day/Year) [PMO] 01/12/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, ONE POST **OFFICE SQUARE**

(Street)

BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direc OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31, Expires: 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer _X__ Other (give title below) (specify below) Co-Director Equity Research / Putnam Investments

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

OMB APPROVAL