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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Connolly William Tondorf

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS. ONE POST **OFFICE SQUARE**

(Street)

(State)

BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

(City) 1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/25/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

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4. Relationship of Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer _X__ Other

(give title below) (specify below) Sr.Mng.Dir.of Putnam, issuer's / indirect parent holding co.

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Zip)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Title

Security: Direct (D)

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Connolly William Tondorf PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

Â Sr.Mng.Dir.of Putnam, issuer's indirect parent holding co.

Signatures

William T. O5/25/2006 Connolly

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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