

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOSKOW PAUL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST [pmo]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/25/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common shares                   | 02/25/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | 287 <sup>(3)</sup>  | A 12.51 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  |                                   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOSKOW PAUL L<br>C/O PUTNAM INVESTMENTS<br>ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE<br>BOSTON, MA 02109 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Paul L. Joskow                      02/27/2008  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Effective date of mergers of each of Putnam Investment Grade Municipal Trust and Putnam Municipal Bond Fund into issuer.  
 Each of Putnam Investment Grade Municipal Trust (PGM) and Putnam Municipal Bond Fund (PMG), each of which is a closed-end investment company, merged into issuer (PMO) on February 25, 2008. Common shares of PMO were issued in exchange for all outstanding common shares of each of PGM and PMG based on the per-share net asset values of each fund's common shares calculated as of February 22, 2008.
- (2) Reflects the issuance of 83 common shares of PMO received in connection with the merger of PGM into PMO and the issuance of 204 common shares of PMO received in connection with the merger of PMG into PMO.
- (3) Per-share net asset value of PMO common shares as of February 22, 2008. Reflects rounding.
- (4) Each of Putnam Investment Grade Municipal Trust (PGM) and Putnam Municipal Bond Fund (PMG), each of which is a closed-end investment company, merged into issuer (PMO) on February 25, 2008. Common shares of PMO were issued in exchange for all outstanding common shares of each of PGM and PMG based on the per-share net asset values of each fund's common shares calculated as of February 22, 2008.

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