Following a Balanced Approach

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Figure 1: Inflation Rate: Change in Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Indices

January 2012 - September 2017

Note: Core PCE excludes food and energy.
Source: BEA, Haver Analytics
Figure 2: Civilian Unemployment Rate (U-3) and SEP Estimates of the Longer-Run Unemployment Rate
2012:Q1 - 2017:Q3

Note: Prior to June 2015, SEP median unemployment rates are publicly available only with a five-year lag. Proxies for the medians for 2012 – March 2015 are calculated from the distribution of participants’ projections reported in ranges of tenths in the meeting minutes.

Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP); BLS; Haver Analytics
Figure 3: Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance
January 28, 1967 - November 4, 2017

Note: Four-week moving average
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Haver Analytics
Figure 4: Flow from Employed to Unemployed Relative to the Labor Force
January 1991 - October 2017

Note: Twelve-month moving average
Source: BLS, NBER, Haver Analytics
Figure 5: Flow from Not in the Labor Force to Unemployed Relative to the Labor Force
January 1991 - October 2017

Note: Twelve-month moving average
Source: BLS, NBER, Haver Analytics

Number of Workers as a Share of the Labor Force

Recession
Figure 6: Flow from Not in the Labor Force to Employed Relative to the Labor Force

January 1991 - October 2017

Note: Twelve-month moving average

Source: BLS, NBER, Haver Analytics
Figure 7: Wage Growth for Private Industry Workers
2012:Q1 - 2017:Q3

Source: BLS, Haver Analytics
Figure 8: Civilian Unemployment Rate Forecast from the Summary of Economic Projections

2017:Q4 - 2020:Q4

Note: The central tendency excludes the three highest and three lowest observations.

Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP), September 20, 2017; Haver Analytics
Figure 9: PCE Inflation Forecast from the Summary of Economic Projections

2017:Q4 - 2020:Q4

Note: The central tendency excludes the three highest and three lowest observations.

Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP), September 20, 2017; Haver Analytics
Figure 10: Core PCE Inflation Forecast from the Summary of Economic Projections

2017:Q4 - 2020:Q4

Note: The central tendency excludes the three highest and three lowest observations.

Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP), September 20, 2017; Haver Analytics
Figure 11: Imports Relative to GDP
2008 - 2017

Note: Figure for 2017 is the average of the first three quarters of 2017.

Source: BEA, Haver Analytics
Figure 12: After-Tax Corporate Profits Relative to GDP
1967 - 2017

Note: Figures include inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments. Value for 2017 is the average of the first two quarters of 2017.

Source: BEA, Haver Analytics
Figure 13: CPI: Selected Components
2012:Q1 - 2017:Q3

Source: BLS, Haver Analytics
Figure 14: Missing Inflation Attributable to Phillips Curve Flattening