#### CAFARO DEBRA A

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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Common

Stock

08/10/2005

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAFARO DEBRA A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300			08/10/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1)	08/10/2005		S(2)(3)	1,000	D	\$ 29.74	524,741	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S(2)(3)	1,800	D	\$ 29.75	522,941	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S(2)(3)	1,500	D	\$ 29.76	521,441	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S(2)(3)	3,300	D	\$ 29.77	518,141	D	

900

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29.81

517,241

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 $S^{(2)(3)}$ 

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Common Stock 08/10/2005  $S_{(2)(3)}^{(2)(3)}$  1,200 D  $S_{(2)(3)}^{(2)(3)}$  516,041 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)

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsmps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CAFARO DEBRA A			Chairman,				
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300	X		President and				
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223			CEO				

### **Signatures**

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/12/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **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) Please see the previous Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1 sales plan described in Footnote (3).
- (2) On August 10, 2004, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.

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(3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated July 6, 2005.

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