GELLERT JAY M

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

GELLERT JAY M			Symbol	Issuer		
			VENTAS INC [VTR]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR			(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specibelow)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		

WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

(State)

(Zip)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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	Person
Table I Now Design County of Asset	uired Disposed of or Reneficially Owned
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5 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction	4. Securitie omr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ	O)	Securities Ownership Ind	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/01/2006		A	1,750 (1)	. ,	\$ 0	18,246.591	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		A	228.798 (2)	A	\$ 32.78	18,475.389	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.02	01/01/2006		A	5,000 (3)	01/01/2006(4)	01/01/2016	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GELLERT JAY M 21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367	X					

Signatures

Jay M. Gellert, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
01/04/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Restricted Stock Units granted under the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors ("Plan"). Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of

 (2) Director quarterly retainer fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors.
- (4) Options are exercisable in cumulative 50% annual installments beginning on January 1, 2006.

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