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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAFARO DEBRA A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	VENTAS INC [VTR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300	(Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2007	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Chairman, President and CEO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securit			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/17/2007		A	20,527 (1)	A	\$0	738,628	D	
Common Stock							5,000 (2)	I	By Trust

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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 4	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.26	01/17/2007		A	89,246 (3)	01/17/2007(4)	01/17/2017	Common Stock	89,246

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	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
01/19/2007

**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) These shares represent restricted shares granted under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on January 17, 2007. These shares vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 17, 2007.
- (2) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (3) These stock options represent stock options granted under the Plan on January 17, 2007.
- (4) These options vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 17, 2007.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 17, 2007.

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