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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GELLERT JAY M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 21650 OXN FLOOR	(First) (NARD STREET,	(N	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2016				(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Delow)			
WOODLA	(Street) ND HILLS, CA 9	Fi	If Amendment, D led(Month/Day/Yea	Č		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securitie oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4)	d of (D))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	04/01/2016		A	454.689 (1)	A	\$ 63.23	110,402.338 (2) (3)	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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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. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5	ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GELLERT JAY M
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22ND FLOOR
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

Signatures

Jay M. Gellert, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

04/04/2016

**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).
- Common stock in the form of units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in
- (1) lieu of director 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.
- (2) Includes 349.722 units acquired on March 31, 2016 under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on March 31, 2016.
- (3) As of April 1, 2016, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 35,640 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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