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VENTAS INC Form 4 January 20, 2017 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB APPROVAL Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). TATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES OMB APPROVAL Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, extion 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 State Average burden hours per out of 1940										
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CAFARO DEBRA A Symbol			er Name and Ticker or Trading				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)			
353 N. CLA 3300	1/18/2017 -				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO					
	endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
CHICAGO	, IL 60654						Person	ore than one Re	porting	
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. De (Month/Day/Year) Execut any (Month	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
Common			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/18/2017		А	85,108 (1)	А	\$0	634,532	D		
Common Stock	01/18/2017		F	10,646 (2)	D	\$ 62.22	623,886	D		
Common Stock	01/18/2017		А	49,983 (3)	А	\$0	673,869	D		
Common Stock	01/18/2017		А	64,288 (4)	А	\$0	738,157	D		
Common Stock							5,000 <u>(5)</u>	Ι	By Trust	

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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. 5. Number of Transactio/Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 62.22	01/18/2017		А	673,079 (<u>6)</u>	01/18/2017(7)	01/18/2027	Common Stock	673,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner Officer		Other			
CAFARO DEBRA A 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654	Х		Chairman and CEO				
Signatures							
Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richa Attorney-In-Fact		01/20/2017					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reportir	ng 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) Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). This restricted stock vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 18, 2017 under the Plan.
- Restricted stock units granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan. Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and(3) conditions of the Plan. The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (4) Restricted stock units granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan. Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms of the Plan. The restricted stock units vest one-third on the first anniversary of the date of grant and two-thirds on the second anniversary of

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the date of grant.

- (5) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (6) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (7) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.

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