RINEY T RICHARD

Form 4

January 29, 2018

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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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See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** RINEY T RICHARD		Sy	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 10350 ORM PLACE, SU	ISBY PARK	(Middle) 3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2018			DirectorX Officer (give below)	neck all applicable) 10% Owner ive title Other (specify below) Chief Admin. Off., GC		
	(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 I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Oate, if Transaction Code V/Year) (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	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)	
Common Stock	01/27/2018		F	2,148 (1)	D	\$ 55.89	178,125 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock							1,300	I	By IRA
Common Stock							70,000	I	By Spouse

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Other

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		

RINEY T RICHARD

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE

Admin. Off.,

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

Signatures

SUITE 300

T. Richard 01/29/2018 Riney

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 27, 2016 under the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan.
- (2) As of January 27, 2018, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 367,345 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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