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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Papes Daniel W

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2018

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

SVP, Global Sales, Marketing

FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3200

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. l Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities De Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d of					(1
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	03/02/2018		A		4,199		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4,199	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Papes Daniel W FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER SUITE 3200 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

SVP, Global Sales, Marketing

Signatures

/s/ Salini Nandipati, as attorney in fact

03/06/2018

**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).
- general partner. Profits interest units may initially not have full parity with common limited partnership units of Operating Partnership ("Common Units") with respect to liquidating distributions; however upon the occurrence of specified events, profits interest units may achieve full parity with Common Units for all purposes. Vested profits interest units that have achieved full parity with Common Units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a 1-for-1 basis at any time. Common Units are redeemable for cash based on the FMV of an equivalent number of shares of common stock of the Issuer, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.

Long-Term Incentive Units are profits interest units in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. ("Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the

Twenty-five percent (25%) of these units will vest on February 27, 2019, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2020, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2021, and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2022. The vested profits interest units have no expiration date.

Remarks:

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities ("Form 4") of the Issuer is filed to report information that is also Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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