

Digital Realty Trust, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Stein A William

(Last) (First) (Middle)

FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER,
 SUITE 3200

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/28/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Long-Term Incentive Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2017	A	16,493 <u>(2)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	16,493

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stein A William FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3200 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111			Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Salini Nandipati,
attorney-in-fact
03/02/2017
**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) Long-Term Incentive Units are profits interest units in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. ("Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the 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.
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of these units will vest on February 27, 2018, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2019, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2020, and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2021. 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 being filed to report transactions that have occurred during the reporting period. 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.