INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC
Form 4
February 27, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHAEFFER SCOTT

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC., 2 LOGAN SQUARE, 100 N. 18TH ST, 23RD FL

(Street)

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC [IRT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2017[(1)]		F[(1)]		13,791 [(1)]	D	[(1)]	93,103	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHAEFFER SCOTT C/O INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC. 2 LOGAN SQUARE, 100 N. 18TH ST, 23RD FL PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	X		Chairman & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Anders F. Laren, attorney-in-fact	02/27/2017
**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) This forfeiture was undertaken solely to satisfy tax withholding liabilities relating to the vesting of restricted stock awards held by the reporting person. The reporting person made the withholding election on February 23, 2017 with respect to restricted stock that vested on January 31, 2017, February 12, 2017 and February 18, 2017. The aggregate value of the common shares so withheld was based on the closing price of the common shares on the NYSE MKT on the relevant vesting date which was $9.23, $9.29 and $9.30, respectively, and did not exceed the minimum applicable withholding tax rate for federal (including FICA), state, local and other tax liabilities.

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