

Kenney Christopher
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Kenney Christopher

(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)
 01/04/2018

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)
 SVP,International,Acquisitions

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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) | 8. Derivative Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
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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) | (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> | 01/04/2018 | A | 9,774 <u>(2)</u> | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 9,774 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kenney Christopher FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER SUITE 3200 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 | | | SVP,International,Acquisitions | |

Signatures

/s/ Salini Nandipati as
attorney-in-fact
01/08/2018
Date

**Signature of 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) 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) Reflects an award initially granted on February 24, 2015 that was subject to a performance-based vesting condition which was determined to be satisfied on January 4, 2018. The number of units reported herein includes 963 distribution equivalent units, which vested effective as of December 31, 2017. The remaining 8,811 units are subject to an additional time-based vesting condition, pursuant to which 50% will vest on February 27, 2018 and 50% will vest on February 27, 2019. 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

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