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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Â Sharp Christopher

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/11/2017

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

FOUR EMBARCADERO

CENTER, SUITE 3200

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

Director _X__ Officer

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

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

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SAN FRANCISCO. CAÂ 94111

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Chief Technology Officer

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Security: Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

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						(Illstr. 5)	
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	38,604	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Long-Term Incentive Units	(3)	(3)	Common	764	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Sharp Christopher FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER SUITE 3200 SAN FRANCISCO Â CA Â 94111	Â	Â	Chief Technology Officer	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Salini Nandipati as attorney-in-fact

08/18/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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

- These units were granted on August 10, 2015. Thirty-three and one third percent (33.33%) of these units vested on August 10, 2016, an additional thirty-three and one third percent (33.33%) of these units vested on August 10, 2017, and the remaining thirty-three and one third percent (33.33%) will vest on August 10, 2018. The vested profits interest units have no expiration date.
- These units were granted on February 28, 2017. Twenty-five percent (25%) of these units will vest on February 27, 2018, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2029, and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2021. The vested profits interest units have no expiration date.

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Remarks:

This initial statement of beneficial ownership of securities ("Form 3") of the Issuer is filed to repo

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