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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sharp Christopher

> (First) (Middle)

> > (Zip)

FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3200

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Technology Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Aco	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/03/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	7,871 (2)	A	\$0	8,933	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2018		S	7,871 (2)	D	\$ 116	1,062	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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number ionof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	vative Expiration Date ies (Month/Day/Year) ed ed of		Underlying Securities		8. I Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Long-Term Incentive Units (2)	(2)	12/03/2018		M	7,871 (3)	(2)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	7,871	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Salini Nandipati as attorney-in-fact

12/06/2018

**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).
- The reporting person converted long-term incentive units into common limited partnership units ("Common Units") of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner, and subsequently redeemed the Common Units for (1) shares of the common stock of the Issuer, all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.
- Long-Term Incentive Units are profits interest units in the Operating Partnership, of which the Issuer is the general partner. Profits interest units may initially not have full parity with 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 **(2)** 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.
- **(3)** The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan previously adopted by Mr. Sharp.

Reporting Owners 2 (4) N/A

Remarks:

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities ("Form 4") of the Issuer is being filed to report transactions that 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.