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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GELLERT JAY M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			
21650 OXNARI FLOOR	O STREET,	22ND	01/01/2016	Officer (give titleOther (specify below)			
((Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WOODLAND H	HILLS, CA	91367	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	ecuri	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie ord Disposed (Instr. 3, 4)	d of (I))	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)
Common Stock	01/01/2016		A	509.481 (1)	A	\$ 56.43	106,970.927 (2)	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2016		A	2,303 (3)	A	\$0	109,273.927 (4)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GELLERT JAY M 21650 OXNARD STREET X 22ND FLOOR **WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367**

Signatures

Jay M. Gellert, By: T. Richard Riney, 01/04/2016 Attorney-In-Fact

> **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).
- Common stock in the form of units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Deferred (1) Plan") in lieu of director fees pursuant to the director's deferral election. Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the director's deferral election and the Deferred Plan.
- Includes 377.381 units acquired on December 30, 2015 under the Deferred Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on December 30, 2015.
- Restricted stock units granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Such units are payable solely in (3) common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the director's deferral election and the Plan. These restricted stock units vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (4) As of January 1, 2016, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 35,640 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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