

Sharp Christopher  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Sharp Christopher

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/11/2017

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

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

FOUR EMBARCADERO  
CENTER, SUITE 3200

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Chief Technology Officer

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

SAN  
FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(City) (State) (Zip)

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

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)

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)

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

Date Expiration Title Amount or  
Exercisable Date Shares

(Instr. 5)

Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	38,604	\$ (1)	D	Â
Long-Term Incentive Units (1)	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	764	\$ (1)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

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

(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) 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.

(3) 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, 2019, an additional twenty-five percent (25%) will vest on February 27, 2020, 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 report

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