#### MATROS RICHARD K

Form 4

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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* MATROS RICHARD K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

Symbol

Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

Chairman, CEO and President

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[SBRA]

(Month/Day/Year)

01/09/2012

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 18500 VON KARMAN,

(Street)

**SUITE 550** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

**IRVINE, CA 92612** 

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

7. Nature of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported

(Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s)

\$0

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

Common 01/09/2012 Stock

Code V Amount 15,385 A

179,484 <sup>(2)</sup>

D

Common Stock

By R&A Matros  $264,059 \frac{(3)}{}$ Ι Revocable

Trust

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 E S ( )
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	01/09/2012	A	4,136	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2012	Common Stock	4,136	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MATROS RICHARD K C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. 18500 VON KARMAN, SUITE 550 IRVINE, CA 92612

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Chairman, CEO and President

## **Signatures**

/s/Richard K. Matros

01/11/2012

\*\*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).
- Grant of stock units under the Issuer's 2009 Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Subject to the satisfaction of a performance requirement for the 2012 calendar year established by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors, the units vest at the rate of 25% on each of January 9, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Promptly after vesting, the vested units will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.
- (2) Consists of unvested restricted stock units that, upon vesting, will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.
- (3) Includes 23,464 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock issued upon the vesting of certain restricted stock units.
  - Each stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock. 50% of the stock units will vest on
- (4) December 31, 2012 if the Issuer's stock price appreciates 15% or more during calendar 2012. 100% of the stock units will vest on December 31, 2012 if the Issuer's stock price appreciates 25% or more during calendar 2012.

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