

MATROS RICHARD K
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.
[SBRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/30/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO and President

C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 18500 VON KARMAN, SUITE 550

(Street)

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

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

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 (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/30/2012		M	41,640 A \$ 12.34	193,625 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2012		G	V 41,640 ₍₂₎ D \$ 0	151,985 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					384,208 ⁽³⁾	I	By R&A Matros 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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.34	04/30/2012		M	41,640	<u>(4)</u> 05/18/2012	Common Stock	41,640

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	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/ Richard K. Matros 05/10/2012

**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).
- (1) Includes 151,985 unvested stock units that, upon vesting, will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.
- (2) Represents the transfer of shares to the R&A Matros Revocable Trust.
- (3) Includes 41,640 shares transferred to the R&A Matros Revocable Trust as reported herein.
- (4) The option became exercisable at the rate of 25% on each of May 19, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

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