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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(City)

(State)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SHELTON JAMES D Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 04/12/2019 below) 3300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60654

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount

Common 154.732 \$ 41,420.839 04/12/2019 D A (1) Stock 62.03 (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | : | | Amou Under Securi (Instr. | lying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SHELTON JAMES D 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

James D. Shelton, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
04/15/2019

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 "Plan") as (1) a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on April 12, 2019. Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) As of April 12, 2019, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 11,880 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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