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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PASQUALE DOUGLAS M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check an applicable)					
			(Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director		6 Owner		
353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300			03/22/2016					Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
(Street) 4.			4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
`				Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
CHICAGO, IL 60654								Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
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Security (Month/Day/Year) Execut (Instr. 3) any			on Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)				Securities Beneficially	Indirect Beneficial			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	(D) or Indirect (I)	Ownership				
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)					
						(A)		Reported Transaction(s)				
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	03/22/2016			A	324 (1)	A	\$ 0	103,122 (2)	D			
Common Stock								4,326	I	By IRA		

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PASQUALE DOUGLAS M							
353 N. CLARK STREET	X						
SUITE 3300	Λ						
CHICAGO, IL 60654							

Signatures

Douglas M. Pasquale, By. T. Richard Riney, 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).

03/23/2016

- Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan. This restricted stock vests in two equal annual **(1)** installments beginning on January 1, 2017.
- (2) As of March 22, 2016, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 23,762 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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