

Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

IRVINE, CA 92612

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/09/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 01/09/2014 | | F | 1,616 (1) D \$ 26.27 | 101,814 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/09/2014 | | G | 2,757 (2) D \$ 0 | 99,057 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/09/2014 | | G | 2,757 (2) A \$ 0 | 623,561 | I | By R&A Matros Revocable Trust |
| Common | 01/10/2014 | | A | 84,777 A \$ 0 | 183,834 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|---------------|-----|----------|-------------|---|--|
| Stock | | | | (3) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/10/2014 | F | 16,136 (4) | D | \$ 27.05 | 167,698 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/10/2014 | G | 26,263 (2) | D | \$ 0 | 141,435 (5) | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/10/2014 | G | 26,263 (2) | A | \$ 0 | 649,824 | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

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 AVENUE, SUITE 550 IRVINE, CA 92612 | X | | Chairman, CEO and President | |

Signatures

/s/ Nikole M. Kingston, as
Attorney-in-Fact

01/13/2014

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in accordance with Rule 16b-3 to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of time-based restricted stock units previously granted to the reporting person.

(2) Represents shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the reporting person upon the vesting of restricted stock units previously granted to the reporting person that have been transferred by the reporting person to the R&A Matros Revocable Trust.

Represents shares of the Issuer's Common Stock subject to a relative total stockholder return-based stock unit ("TSR units") award granted on November 22, 2010, including 10,570 shares with respect to dividend equivalent payments calculated on the basis of the market value of the Issuer's Common Stock on the applicable dividend payment date. The Compensation Committee determined on

(3) January 10, 2014 that the number of TSR units earned was 148.8% of the target. Upon this determination, 50% of the TSR units vested immediately. The remaining 50% will vest on December 31, 2014. Each TSR unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock, based on the percentile ranking of the Issuer's total stockholder return among the total stockholder returns for the stocks comprising a group of pre-selected peer companies over the three-year performance period.

(4) Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in accordance with Rule 16b-3 to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of certain of the TSR units previously granted to the reporting person.

(5) Consists of unvested stock units that, upon vesting, will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

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