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RAKOWICH WALTER C Symbol				Name and S INC [V		Fradin	g	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	3 Date of	Earliest Tra	insaction			(Check all applicable)						
5051 S. LAF	(Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2017					X Director Officer (give below)	e title 10% Owner Other (specify below)					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Fransaction Date 2A. Deemed onth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				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)		
Common Stock	05/18/2017			A	2,224 (1)	A	\$ 0	4,384	D			

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
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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transact	5. ionNuml	ber	6. Date Exerce Expiration Date		7. Titl Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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				Code N	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / AddressRelationshipsDirector10% OwnerOfficerOtherRAKOWICH WALTER C
5051 S. LAFAYETTE LANE
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80113XVVVSignaturesVVVVV

Walter C. Rakowich, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

05/19/2017 Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan. This restricted stock vests in two equal annual installments on the date of the Jacuard 2018 Annual Masting of Staglibulders and the date of the Jacuard 2010 Annual Masting of

 installments on the date of the Issuer's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the date of the Issuer's 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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