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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Crosby Christopher James JR | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|---|--|--|
| | | | Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR] | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 | | | 08/02/2010 | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | | SVP, Sales & Tech. Services | | |
| (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 | | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2010 | | Code V | Amount 3,333 | or (D) | Price \$ 20.37 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 3,333 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2010 | | S | 3,333 | D | \$ 63.68 (1) | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2010 | | M | 1,833 | A | \$ 41.73 | 1,833 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2010 | | S | 1,833 | D | \$ 63.68 (4) | 0 | D | |
| | 08/02/2010 | | $M_{\underline{(5)}}$ | 992 | A | <u>(6)</u> | 992 | D | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----|---|-------------|-----|---|
| Common Stock | 08/02/2010 | S | 992 | D | \$ 63.64 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2010 | M <u>(7)</u> | 940 | A | <u>(8)</u> | 940 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2010 | S | 940 | D | \$ 63.64 | 0 | 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 (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acq (A) Disp (D) (Inst | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (Month/Day/Year Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.37 | 08/02/2010 | | M | | 3,333 | (2) | 11/08/2015 | Common Stock | 3,333 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 41.73 | 08/02/2010 | | M | | 1,833 | (3) | 05/02/2017 | Common Stock | 1,833 |
| Class C Profits Interest Units (6) | <u>(9)</u> | 08/02/2010 | | M <u>(5)</u> | | 992 | <u>(6)</u> | (10) | Common Stock | 992 |
| Long-Term Incentive Units (8) | <u>(9)</u> | 08/02/2010 | | M <u>(7)</u> | | 940 | (8) | (10) | Common Stock | 940 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Crosby Christopher James JR 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 SVP, Sales & Tech. Services

Signatures

/s/ Barbara Polster, attorney-in-fact

08/04/2010

**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) Represents the average sale price. Exact sale prices range from \$63.66 to \$63.78.
- (2) Twenty percent of the option shares vested on November 8, 2006; thereafter 1/60th vest monthly so that the option will be fully vested on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Twenty percent of the option shares vested on May 2, 2008; thereafter 1/60th vest monthly so that the option will be fully vested on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) Represents the average sale price. Exact sale prices range from \$63.66 to \$63.71.
- Christopher Crosby converted 992 Class C Profits Interest Units into common limited partnership units ("Common Units") of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and subsequently redeemed the 992 Common Units for 992 shares of the common stock of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer"), all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.
 - Class C Units are membership interests in the Operating Partnership of which the Issuer is the general partner. Class C Units that have satisfied the performance condition and achieved full parity with Common Units receive the same quarterly distributions as Common
- (6) Units, and may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units will be redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Class C Units have achieved full parity with Common Units.
- Christopher Crosby converted 940 long-term incentive units into Common Units of the Operating Partnership, and subsequently redeemed the 940 Common Units for 940 shares of the common stock of the Issuer, all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.
 - Long-term incentive units are profits interest units in the Operating Partnership. Vested profits interest units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units in the Operating Partnership on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units are redeemable for cash
- (8) based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.
- (**9**) 1 for 1.
- (10) N/A

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