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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>KAUFMAN IVAN</u><br>_____<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.</u><br><u>333 EARLE OVINGTON BLVD., STE. 900</u><br>_____<br>(Street)<br><u>UNIONDALE NY 11553</u><br>_____<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ ABR ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>COB, CEO and President</b></p> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>09/18/2020</u>                |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |   |

**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) |
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|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |
| Special Voting Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/18/2020                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 336,894   | D          | (1)   | 11,932,207 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I  | By Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC                     |

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
| Partnership Common Units                   | (1)  | 09/18/2020                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 336,894  |     | (3)  | (3)             | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share  | (1)  | 11,932,207 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I   | By Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC                      |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- On July 14, 2016, Arbor Realty Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, issued Partnership Common Units ("OP Units") to Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC ("ACM") and, in connection therewith, the Company issued Special Voting Preferred Stock ("Preferred Shares") to ACM. On September 18, 2020, ACM distributed 336,894 OP Units and Preferred Shares valued at \$4,100,000 to one of its members for all of such member's membership interest in ACM. The value was determined using the Company's closing stock price on September 17, 2020 of \$12.17.
- Mr. Kaufman disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Not applicable.

/s/ Ivan Kaufman 09/18/2020  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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