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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ARBOR COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LLC (Last) (First) (Middle) 333 EARLE OVINGTON BOULEVARD, SUITE 900 (Street) UNIONDALE NY 11553 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ABR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/29/2018 | |
| 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 | 08/29/2018 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 577,185 | D | (1) | 14,873,236 | D | |

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 | | | | | | Title |
| Partnership Common Units | (1) | 08/29/2018 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 577,185 | | 08/29/2018 | (2) | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 577,185 | (1) | 14,873,236 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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, therefore, Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") issued Special Voting Preferred Stock ("Preferred Shares") to ACM. On August 29, 2018, ACM distributed 577,185 OP Units and Preferred Shares with a fair market value of approximately \$6.8 million to two of its partners in consideration for their respective membership interests. The fair market value was determined using the average closing stock price of the Company from August 16, 2018 through August 29, 2018 of \$11.86.

2. Not applicable.

/s/ Paul Elenio, Chief
Financial Officer of Arbor 08/31/2018
Commercial Mortgage, LLC

** 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).

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