## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1	ess of Reporting Pe		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC</u> [ ABR ]		ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer k all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2017		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
C/O ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. 333 EARLE OVINGTON BLVD., STE. 900			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)       6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Che Line)         X       Form filed by One Reporting I						
(Street) UNIONDALE	NY	11553			Form filed by More than Person	C			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									

### 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Dav/Year Code (Instr. Beneficially (D) or if anv and 5) Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) or Code v Amount Price . Transaction(s) (D) (Instr. 3 and 4) Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 03/20/2017 10,625 206,735 D A (1) A

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transact Code (In 8)				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)	Beneficial Ownership
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares of common stock par value \$0.01 per share of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") granted pursuant to the Company's 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan. Remarks:

> /s/ John Bishar, Attorney-in-Fact for William B. Helmreich 03/22/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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