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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LAZAR MELVIN F</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.,</u> <u>333 EARLE OVINGTON BLVD., SUITE 900</u>  (Street) <u>UNIONDALE NY 11553</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ ABR ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/30/2022</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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units	(I)	11/30/2022		A <sup>(1)</sup>		176		(I)	(I)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	176	\$14.88	6,740	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. On November 30, 2022, Mr. Lazar received 176 fully vested restricted stock units ("RSUs") of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") in lieu of the dividend equivalent due on Mr. Lazar's existing RSUs and paid by the Company on November 30, 2022. Mr. Lazar has elected to defer his dividend equivalents and receipt of the common stock into which the RSUs are converted until May 2023, or earlier if his service as a director is terminated, or a change in control occurs, pursuant to a pre-established deferral election.

**Remarks:**

Exhibit 24

/s/ Maysa Vahidi, Attorney-in-Fact for Melvin F. Lazar 12/01/2022

\*\* 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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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**For Executing Forms 3, 4 and 5**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of John Bishar, Maysa Vahidi, and Paul Elenio, or any of them singly, and with full power of substitution, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned a Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5, or any amendment thereto, relating to the securities of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of such Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5, or any amendment thereto, and the timely filing of such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as such attorney-in-fact might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming that such attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

By: /s/ Melvin Lazar

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