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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ettl Robert A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.  
[SBRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 18500 VON KARMAN, SUITE 550

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

IRVINE, CA 92612

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/30/2012                           |  | A                              | 127 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0   | 14,904  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/30/2012                           |  | A                              | 798 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0   | 15,702 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ettl Robert A.<br>C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.<br>18500 VON KARMAN, SUITE 550<br>IRVINE, CA 92612 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Harold W. Andrews, Jr. as Attorney-in-Fact 04/03/2012

\_\_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 stock units credited to the reporting person in the form of dividend equivalent payments on stock units previously granted to the reporting person that are outstanding under the Issuer's 2009 Performance Incentive Plan, calculated on the basis of the market value of the Issuer's common stock on the dividend payment date. These units will vest and become payable on the same terms as the original stock units to which they relate.
  - (2) Represents stock units received by the reporting person in lieu of quarterly director fees pursuant to an election under the Issuer's Non-Employee Directors Stock-For-Fees Program. The units are fully vested and are payable in an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock on or within sixty (60) days following the earlier of the reporting person's separation from service or March 30, 2017.
  - (3) Includes 1,555 unvested stock units and 9,647 stock units that have vested but the payment of which has been deferred. Each stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock.

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