Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.

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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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MATROS RICHARD K C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. 18500 VON KARMAN AVENUE, SUITE 550 IRVINE, CA 92612

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Chairman, CEO and President

Signatures

/s/ Richard K. Matros

12/20/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- Grant of stock units under the Issuer's 2009 Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The units vest at the rate of 25% on each of
- (1) December 31, 2017, December 31, 2018, December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2020. The vested units will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock in the 2021 calendar year, subject to earlier payment in the event of separation from service, death, disability or change of control.
- (2) Consists of unvested stock units that, upon vesting, will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

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