

INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SCHAEFFER SCOTT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC [IRT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/18/2015

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

C/O INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC., 2929 ARCH ST., 17TH FL.

(Street)

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104

(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 | 02/18/2015 | | A | 20,000 | \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2015 ⁽¹⁾ | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 1,173 | \$ 9.52 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 9.35 | 02/18/2015 | | A | 60,000 | (2) 02/18/2020 | Common Stock 60,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHAEFFER SCOTT C/O INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC. 2929 ARCH ST., 17TH FL. PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104 | X | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Anders F. Laren,
attorney-in-fact

02/19/2015

**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).

This forfeiture was undertaken solely to satisfy a tax withholding liability relating to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person. The reporting person made the withholding election on February 18, 2015 with respect to restricted stock that vested on January 31, 2015.

(2) These stock appreciation rights vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 18, 2016.

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