

Digital Realty Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 08, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 5, 2012**

**DIGITAL REALTY TRUST, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Maryland**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**001-32336**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**26-0081711**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**560 Mission Street, Suite 2900**

**San Francisco, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(415) 738-6500**

**94105**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 5, 2012, Richard A. Magnuson, Chairman of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (we, us, our or the Company), informed our Board of Directors that, due to his extensive other business interests and time commitments, he will not stand for re-election to the Company's Board of Directors at the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or the Annual Meeting. Our Board of Directors expressed their gratitude to Mr. Magnuson for all his contributions to the Company. Mr. Magnuson indicated that this difficult decision was made easier by his strong belief in the Company and its management team. His term as a member of our Board of Directors and our Chairman will end effective April 23, 2012, the date of the Annual Meeting. Effective as of the Annual Meeting, Dennis E. Singleton, our director since 2004, will serve as our Interim Chairman until such time as a permanent Chairman is named. Also effective as of the Annual Meeting, the size of our Board of Directors will be six members.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 8, 2012

**Digital Realty Trust, Inc.**

By: /s/ Joshua A. Mills  
**Joshua A. Mills**

**Senior Vice President, General**

**Counsel and Assistant Secretary**