

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 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 \*  
 LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, SUITE 11

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/13/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 09/25/2018                           |                                                    | S                              | V 262,881 D                                                       | \$ 19.1503 6,038,083 <sup>(2)</sup> D                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                |                                                          |                                                       |

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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the thirty (30) consecutive trading days ending on the last trading date immediately preceding the date of conversion, and (2) \$8.00 (as adjusted for any and all stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations or other similar transactions).

(4) Represents repayment by the Issuer of the Convertible Notes.

The Convertible Note was convertible on or after May 21, 2018 (the "Maturity Date"). In addition, prior to the Maturity Date, the Issuer

(5) has the option to prepay part of all of the outstanding Convertible Notes in which case the Reporting Person has the option to receive the prepayment in cash or shares of Common Stock, subject to certain conditions.

(6) Represents repayment in full by the Issuer of the Convertible Notes.

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