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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Santee David S	•	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400			(Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2012	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
CHICAGO, IL 60606			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zin)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) tionor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	06/07/2012		Code V M	Amount 22,937	(D)	Price \$ 32.97	31,529 (1)	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	06/07/2012		M	2,780	A	\$ 53.5	34,309 (1)	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	06/07/2012		S	25,717	D	\$ 62.0796 (2)	8,592 (1)	D	

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Common			
Shares Of	1,915.3505	т	401(k)
Beneficial	(3)	1	Plan
Interest			
Common			
Shares Of	16,809.395	_	SERP
Beneficial	<u>(4)</u>	1	Account
Interest			

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sl
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.97	06/07/2012		M	22,937	<u>(5)</u>	02/05/2020	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	22,
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.5	06/07/2012		M	2,780	<u>(6)</u>	02/08/2017	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	2,7

Reporting Owners

	Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
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Santee David S TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606

Executive Vice President

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Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact

06/08/2012

**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) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.
 - The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$62.00 to \$62.205. The
- (2) reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Represents shares acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with
- (3) the Equity Residential Advantage 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, a plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such shares represent acquisitions through April 13, 2012.
- (4) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person.
- (5) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 5, 2011, February 5, 2012 and February 5, 2013.
- (6) Represents share options scheduled to vest in three equal installments on February 8, 2008, February 8, 2009 and February 8, 2010.

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