#### **EQUITY RESIDENTIAL**

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and NEITHER	Symbol		Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship Issuer	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
<i>a</i>		•			(C	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)		f Earliest Ti	ansaction				
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	(Street)	4. If Ame	endment, Da	ate Original	6. Individual o	r Joint/Group F	iling(Check	
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-L	Derivative Securities A	Acquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefic	ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea		Code	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013		G	V	1,624	D	\$ 0	36,213 <u>(1)</u>	I	Grantor Trust (fbo daughter)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013		G	V	1,624	A	\$ 0	107,700.753	I	Trust (fbo wife)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013		G	V	1,624	A	\$ 0	109,324.753 (2)	I	Trust (fbo wife)

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013	G	V	1,624	D	\$0	36,213 <u>(3)</u>	I	Grantor Trust (fbo son)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013	G	V	51	A	\$0	1,133 (4)	I	Trust (fbo wife)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013	G	V	51	D	\$0	36,162 (1)	I	Grantor Trust (fbo daughter)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013	G	V	51	A	\$0	1,184 (4)	I	Trust (fbo wife)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	01/14/2013	G	V	51	D	\$ 0	36,162 <u>(3)</u>	I	Grantor Trust (fbo son)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest							2,400.9011 (5)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest							2,874 (6)	I	Family Limited Partnership
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest							2,038.736 (7)	I	SERP Account

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onDerivative Securities	Expiration Date
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Acquired (A) or	(Month/Day/Year)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Disposed of (D)	
	Derivative				(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	
	Security					

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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.8	09/28/2012	G	V	125,003		<u>(8)</u>	02/03/2016	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
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Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.5	09/28/2012	G	V		90,859	(10)	02/08/2017	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.5	09/28/2012	G	V	90,859		(10)	02/08/2017	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.57	09/28/2012	G	V		125,309	(11)	02/07/2018	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.57	09/28/2012	G	V	125,309		(11)	02/07/2018	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07	09/28/2012	G	V	340,238		(12)	02/06/2019	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07	09/28/2012	G	V		340,238	(12)	02/06/2019	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.97	09/28/2012	G	V		201,382	(13)	02/05/2020	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.97	09/28/2012	G	V	201,382		(13)	02/05/2020	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.71	09/28/2012	G	V	171,250		(14)	02/07/2021	Comn Shares Benefi

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Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.71	09/28/2012	G	V		171,250	<u>(14)</u>	02/07/2021	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.13	09/28/2012	G	V		435,078	02/01/2016	09/23/2021	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.13	09/28/2012	G	V	435,078		02/01/2016	09/23/2021	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.25	09/28/2012	G	V		235,269	<u>(15)</u>	02/03/2022	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.25	09/28/2012	G	V	235,269		<u>(15)</u>	02/03/2022	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.82	02/07/2013	A		144,398		<u>(16)</u>	02/07/2023	Comn Shares Benefi Intere
LTIP Units	<u>(17)</u>	02/07/2013	A		62,427		(18)	02/07/2023	Operat Partner Unit

# **Reporting Owners**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	Rel	lationships Officer	Other
NEITHERCUT DAVID J TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 40 CHICAGO, IL 60606	00 X		President & CEO	
Signatures				
s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 02/11/20	013			

Date

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## **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).
- Represents shares beneficially owned by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's daughter. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- Represents shares beneficially owned by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's wife. The reporting person is the sole trustee of this trust and, as such, may be deemed the beneficial owner of these shares.
- Represents shares beneficially owned by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
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- Represents shares acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with 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 January 11, 2013.
- (6) Represents shares beneficially owned by a family limited partnership, of which the reporting person is the general partner.
- (7) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person.
- (8) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 3, 2007, February 3, 2008 and February 3, 2009.
- (9) The reporting person transferred these options to a family partnership, of which the reporting person is the general partner.
- (10) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 8, 2008, February 8, 2009 and February 8, 2010.
- (11) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 7, 2009, February 7, 2010 and February 7, 2011.
- (12) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.
- (13) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 5, 2011, February 5, 2012 and February 5, 2013.
- (14) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 7, 2012, February 7, 2013 and February 7, 2014.
- (15) Represents share options scheduled to vest in three equal installments on February 3, 2013, February 3, 2014 and February 3, 2015.
- (16) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 7, 2014, February 7, 2015 and February 7, 2016.
  - On February 7, 2013, the reporting person received a grant of restricted limited partnership interests ("LTIP Units") in ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership of Equity Residential (the "Company"), in lieu of restricted shares of the Company as part of the Company's annual grant of long-term compensation. LTIP Units are a class of partnership interest
- that automatically convert into an equal number of limited partnership interests of the Operating Partnership ("OP Units") when the capital account related to the LTIP Units reaches a specified target for federal income tax purposes (provided such target is reached within ten years of issuance). Subject to any vesting requirements of the grant, OP Units are redeemable by the holder for common shares of the Company on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Company's option. The LTIPs reflected in this report also include any OP Units into which such LTIP Units automatically convert.
- (18) The LTIP Units are scheduled to vest on February 7, 2016.

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