

Leanse Thomas Jay
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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 *
 Leanse Thomas Jay

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE MACERICH COMPANY, 401
 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 700

(Street)

SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MACERICH CO [MAC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 09/01/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Transaction(s) Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| LTIP Units | (1) | 09/01/2012 | A | 20,000 | | | | | 09/01/2012 | (1) | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 59.57 | 09/01/2012 | A | 39,932 | | | | | 09/01/2012 | 09/01/2022 | Common Stock | 39,932 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 59.57 | 09/01/2012 | A | 10,068 | | | | | (2) | 09/01/2022 | Common Stock | 10,068 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Leanse Thomas Jay THE MACERICH COMPANY 401 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 700 SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 | | | Senior EVP | |

Signatures

Madonna R. Shannon, for THOMAS J.
LEANSE

09/05/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Represents units of limited partnership interest in The Macerich Partnership, L.P. (the "Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner, issued as long term incentive compensation pursuant to the Issuer's equity based compensatory programs. Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes, each LTIP Unit may be converted into a
- (1) common unit of limited partnership interest in the Partnership (a "Common Unit"). Each Common Unit acquired upon conversion of a LTIP Unit may be presented for redemption, at the election of the holder, for cash equal to the then fair market value of a share of the Issuer's Common Stock, except that the Issuer may, at its election, acquire each Common Unit so presented for one share of Common Stock. The rights to convert LTIP Units into Common Units and redeem Common Units do not have expiration dates.
- (2) The option vests in six nearly equal annual installments beginning on September 1, 2012.

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