

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SPECTOR GERALD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE
PLAZA, SUITE 400

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/06/2009

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)
Vice Chairman

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 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 Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 02/06/2009 | | A | 1,625 (1) | A \$ 0 (2) | D | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | 6,946 (3) | I | Children |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | 417,907.7803 (4) | I | SERP Account |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 25,015 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | Spector Family Dynasty Trust |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 67,594 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | Spouse |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.07 | 02/06/2009 | | A | 11,098 | ⁽⁷⁾ 02/06/2019 | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SPECTOR GERALD A TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | X | | | Vice Chairman |

Signatures

s/ By: Yasmina Duwe,
Attorney-in-fact

02/10/2009

 **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) Represents restricted shares scheduled to vest on February 6, 2012.
- (2) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.
- (3) Represents shares beneficially owned by Mr. Spector as custodian for his minor children. Mr. Spector disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares.
- (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 shares held by the Spector Family Dynasty Trust (the "SFDT"). Mr. Spector is the sole trustee of the SFDT and, as such, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares reported herein.
- (6) Represents shares beneficially owned by Mr. Spector's spouse. Mr. Spector disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares.
- (7) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.

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