

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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)  
06/11/2012

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)  
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) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                      |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                                                 |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 06/11/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 12,500                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 31.76                                              |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 37,515                                                                                        |                                                          | (1)                                                   |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 06/11/2012                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 12,500                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 62.0278                                            |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 25,015                                                                                        |                                                          | (1)                                                   |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | (2)                                                   |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 269,632.0523                                                                                  |                                                          | (3)                                                   |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | D                                                        |                                                       |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 3,472 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I | Children     |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 9,581 <sup>(5)</sup>  | I | SERP Account |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 71,132 <sup>(6)</sup> | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title                                                       |                            |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 31.76                                               | 06/11/2012                           |                                                    | M                              | 12,500                                                                                  | <sup>(7)</sup> 02/03/2015                                | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest                        | 12,                        |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

06/12/2012

\_\_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) 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.  
  
The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$62.00 to \$62.23. The 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.
- (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 beneficially owned by Mr. Spector's spouse. Mr. Spector disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 3, 2006, February 3, 2007 and February 3, 2008.
- (7) The share options reported on this line are 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 these share options.

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