

## EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**ALEXANDER JOHN W**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 SOUTH TRYON STREET

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
 Symbol

**EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]**

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

06/24/2015

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
 Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
 Person

**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	06/24/2015		A	1,261 (1)	A \$ 0	73,041.3057 (2)	D
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest					31,514.096 (3)	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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Units	(4)	06/24/2015		A	420	(5) 06/24/2025	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	420

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ALEXANDER JOHN W 200 SOUTH TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28202	X

## Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz,  
Attorney-in-fact 06/26/2015

\_\_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 granted for prospective service from the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders which are scheduled to vest on June 24, 2016.

(2) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.

Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP"), for the benefit of the reporting person. Also includes restricted shares that the reporting person deferred to the SERP upon vesting of the shares.

(4) On June 24, 2015, the reporting person received a grant of restricted limited partnership interests ("Restricted Units") in ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), the Operating Partnership of Equity Residential (the "Company"), in connection with

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the Company's annual grant of long-term compensation for prospective service from the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The reporting person made a payment to the Operating Partnership of \$0.50 for each Restricted Unit awarded. Restricted 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 Restricted Units reaches a specified target for federal income tax purposes (provided such target is reached within ten years of issuance). Subject to the vesting requirements of the grant and certain other restrictions, OP Units are exchangeable 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 Restricted Units reflected in this report also include any OP Units into which such Restricted Units automatically convert.

- (5) The Restricted Units are scheduled to vest on June 24, 2016. In addition, the Restricted Units (including any OP Units into which they may automatically convert) are subject to a holding restriction until June 24, 2017.

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