

GIBBONS MICHAEL E  
Form 4  
May 11, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GIBBONS MICHAEL E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY  
CORP [AEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE AEC PARKWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2012

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
				(A) or (D)			
				Code V Amount	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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Deriva Securi
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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)							(Instr. 9)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Share Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	05/09/2012	A		4,414		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Share	4,414	\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBBONS MICHAEL E ONE AEC PARKWAY RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143	X			

## Signatures

/s/Suzanne K. Hanselman, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/11/2012

**\*\*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) Deferred compensation units (DCUs) acquired pursuant to deferral of restricted share grant made under the Company's deferred compensation plan.
- (2) DCUs are settled in common shares based upon the market value of the Company's common shares at the time of settlement. Each DCU represents the economic equivalent of one common share
- (3) DCUs are to be settled on the date elected by the reporting person at the time of deferral election.
- (4) Aggregate holdings adjusted to include DCUs acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.

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