EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

10% Owner

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE

PLAZA, SUITE 400

(Month/Day/Year)

06/24/2015

X Other (specify Officer (give title below)

below)

Vice Chairman

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (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 |
| Restricted Units | <u>(1)</u> | 06/24/2015 | | A | | 1,681 | | (2) | 06/24/2025 | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 1,681 |

Deletionship

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--|--|--|
| . 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SPECTOR GERALD A | | | | | | | |
| TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 | X | | | Vice Chairman | | | |
| CHICAGO, IL 60606 | | | | | | | |

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).
 - 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 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. Restricted Units are a class of partnership interest that automatically convert into an equal number
- (1) 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.
- (2) 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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