

EVANS STEPHEN O  
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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 \*  
EVANS STEPHEN O

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE  
PLAZA, SUITE 400

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

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	02/06/2009		A	1,625 (1) A \$ 0	19,456.2402 (2)	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest					269.1033 (3)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest					16,116.475 (4)	I	SERP Account

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	30,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	Evans Charitable Foundation
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	100,000 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	Evans Family LLC
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	4 <sup>(7)</sup>	I	Trust

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)	\$ 23.07	02/06/2009		A	11,098	<sup>(8)</sup> 02/06/2019	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	11,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EVANS STEPHEN O TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X			

## 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 along with shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.  
Represents shares acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with the Equity Residential Advantage 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, a plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such shares represent acquisitions through January 31, 2009.
- (3) 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 and shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.
- (4) Represents shares beneficially owned by The Evans Charitable Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation, of which Mr. Evans serves as chairman. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares owned by The Evans Charitable Foundation, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) Represents shares beneficially owned by The Evans Family Limited Liability Company ("Evans Family LLC"), of which the reporting person serves as the manager. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares owned by the Evans Family LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) Represents shares beneficially owned by The Evans Family Revocable Trust (the "Trust"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the trustee. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares owned by the Trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (7) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.
- (8)

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