

Santee David S
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Santee David S

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)
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE
PLAZA, SUITE 400

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 03/09/2012 | | M | 32,721 A | \$ 23.07 41,313 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 03/09/2012 | | S | 32,721 D | \$ 59.2611 8,592 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | 1,904.7215 ⁽³⁾ | I | 401(k) Plan |

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- The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$59.25 to \$59.33. 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) 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 13, 2012.
 - (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 share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.

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