

ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
 FRIEDMAN JEFFREY I

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)
 1 AEC PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/26/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President & CEO

RICHMOND
 HEIGHTS, OH 44143-1467

(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
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|---|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Employee Stock Options | \$ 15.29 | 12/26/2014 | D | | 63,714 | 02/15/2013 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/15/2022 | Common Shares | 63,714 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FRIEDMAN JEFFREY I 1 AEC PARKWAY RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143-1467 | X | | Chairman, President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/Sue Bozek, as Attorney-in-Fact
 Date: 12/30/2014

**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) These options, originally covering 125,000 shares, were to vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2013. The portion of the option covering 63,714 shares was voluntarily relinquished and forfeited by the Reporting Person (and agreed to by the Issuer) in connection with a proposed settlement in, and in exchange for releases and a dismissal of, a purported shareholder derivative and class action.

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