

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
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 \*  
SPECTOR GERALD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE  
PLAZA, SUITE 400  
(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/18/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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 | 12/18/2015                           |  | M                              | 88,250 A \$ 53.5  | 113,265 (1)   | I  | Family Trust  |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 12/18/2015                           |  | S                              | 88,250 D \$ 79.91   | 25,015 (1)  | I  | Family Trust  |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest |                                      |  |                                |   | 273,707.0671  | D  |   |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 27,500 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | Family Trust |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 57,187 <sup>(3)</sup> | I | Spouse       |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 53.5  | 12/18/2015                           |  | M                              | 88,250  | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/08/2017                                | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest                        | 88,250                        |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz,  
Attorney-in-fact

12/21/2015

\_\_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).
- (1) Represents shares held by the Spector Family Dynasty Trust (the "SFDT"). Mr. Spector is the sole trustee of the SFDT and, as such, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares reported herein.
- (2) Represents shares beneficially owned by the Concord Lane Trust. Mr. Spector disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Represents shares beneficially owned by Mr. Spector's spouse. Mr. Spector disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Represents share options originally scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 8, 2008, February 8, 2009 and February 8, 2010. The vesting date of the share options originally scheduled to vest on February 8, 2009 and February 8, 2010 was accelerated to November 3, 2008 due to the retirement of the reporting person as an executive officer of the Company.
- (5) The share option grant reported on this line is held by the Spector Family Dynasty Trust (the "SFDT"). Mr. Spector is the sole trustee of the SFDT and, as such, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the share option grant.

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