

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EVANS STEPHEN O

(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)  
12/08/2008

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest					18,873.4942 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest					264.4447 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest					30,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Evans Charitable Foundation

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Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	C	49,000	A	\$ 0	149,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	Evans Family LLC
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	S	49,000	D	\$ 32.9629 <sup>(5)</sup>	100,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	Evans Family LLC
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest						14,530.9348 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	SERP
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	C	151,504	A	\$ 0	151,504 <sup>(7)</sup>	I	Trust
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	S	151,500	D	\$ 32.9629 <sup>(8)</sup>	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Operating Partnership Units	\$ 0	12/08/2008		G	49,000	12/23/1997 <sup>(12)</sup>	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest
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	\$ 0	12/08/2008		G	151,500	12/23/1997 <sup>(12)</sup>	

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Operating Partnership Units	\$ 0	12/08/2008	G	151,500	12/23/1997	<u>(12)</u>	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest
Operating Partnership Units	\$ 0	12/08/2008	C	151,504	12/23/1997	<u>(12)</u>	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest

## 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, 12/10/2008  
Attorney-in-fact

\_\_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) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future along with shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.
- (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 October 13, 2008.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Represents shares beneficially owned by The Evans Family Limited Liability Company ("Evans Family LLC"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the manager. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares owned by the Evans Family LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$32.44 to \$33.00. 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.

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- (6) Represents shares owned by AST Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person, and includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$32.44 to \$33.20. 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.
- (9) The Operating Partnership Units (OP Units) reported on this line are beneficially owned by The Evans Family Limited Liability Company ("Evans Family LLC"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the manager. The OP Units are convertible into common shares on a one-for-one basis. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such OP Units owned by the Evans Family LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (10) The Operating Partnership Units (OP Units) reported on this line are beneficially owned by EW Investments Limited Partnership ("EW Investments"), of which Mr. Evans serves as a general partner. The OP Units are convertible into common shares on a one-for-one basis. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such OP Units owned by EW Investments, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (11) The Operating Partnership Units (OP Units) reported on this line are beneficially owned by The Evans Family Revocable Trust (the "Trust"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the trustee. The OP Units are convertible into common shares on a one-for-one basis. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such OP Units owned by the Trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (12) There is no expiration date.

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