JONES CRAIG B

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person JONES CRAIG B	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COUSINS PROPERTIES INC [CUZ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle 191 PEACHTREE STREET, SU. 500	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Selection of the control of		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ATLANTA, GA 30303		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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	Table 1 - Non-Delivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Deficiently 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)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/16/2012		M(2)	3,729	A	\$ 7.4	127,594 (3)	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2012		D	3,729	D	\$ 7.4	123,865 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock							1,625	I	As Trustee For Children
Common Stock							11,457	I	By Profit Sharing Plan

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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 on 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2012		M(2)	3,729	02/16/2010	02/16/2013	Common Stock	3,729

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JONES CRAIG B 191 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 500 ATLANTA, GA 30303

**Executive Vice President** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ Craig B. 02/21/2012 Jones

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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).

Award of restricted stock units under Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the average of the closing price of CPI's common stock on each trading day during the 30 day period ending on the date payment is due under the plan. These units will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, with units being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. Unforfeited shares held prior to vesting will earn dividends paid annually but will not have shareholder rights. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

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Restricted stock units were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the 2005 RSU Plan) and have vested as to 25% of the total units granted. As required under the 2005 RSU Plan, the vested units were settled for cash from CPI. Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CPI common stock.

Includes 47,292 shares of restricted stock awarded under the CPI 1999 and 2009 Incentive Stock Plans. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

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