

Santee David S  
Form 4  
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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

(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)  
03/09/2012

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)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 03/09/2012                           |  | S                              | 32,721 D  | \$ 59.2611 8,592 <sup>(1)</sup><br><sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,904.7215 <sup>(3)</sup>   | I  | 401(k) Plan   |

|   |                          |   |                 |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Common<br>Shares Of<br>Beneficial<br>Interest | 16,809.395<br><u>(4)</u> | I | SERP<br>Account |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------|

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) | Amount or Number of Shares           |     |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                |     |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 23.07   | 03/09/2012                           |  | M                              | 32,721  | <u>(5)</u>   | 02/06/2019  | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 32, |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Santee David S  
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400  
CHICAGO, IL 60606

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Executive Vice President

## Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 03/13/2012

         \*\*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.

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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.
  - (3) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person.
  - (4) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.
  - (5)

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