

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
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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 \*  
 SANDERS WILLIAM REID

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6584 POPLAR AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/20/2012

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

MEMPHIS, TN 38138

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,737	D	
Common Stock					2,000	I	IRA
Common Stock					1,500	I	POA, Mimi R. Smith

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	03/20/2012		A	210	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	210
Limited Partnership Units	(2)					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	107,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERS WILLIAM REID 6584 POPLAR AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38138		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer Patrick  
03/21/2012

\*\*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) The units are to be settled in MAA common stock in 2 equal annual installments beginning within 90 days following the end of the calendar year in which the reporting person ceases to be a director.
- (2) Converts on a one-for-one basis to shares of MAA common stock.

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