

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 *
NEITHERCUT DAVID J

(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)
03/18/2016

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)

President & CEO

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 03/18/2016 | | M | | 77,700 | A | \$ 20.6 | 80,574 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Family Limited Partnership |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 03/18/2016 | | S | | 77,700 | D | \$ 74.524 ⁽²⁾ | 2,874 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Family Limited Partnership |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 03/18/2016 | | M | | 22,300 | A | \$ 20.6 | 25,174 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Family Limited Partnership |

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|--------------------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 03/18/2016 | S | 22,300 | D | \$ 75.256 <u>(3)</u> | 2,874 <u>(1)</u> | I | Family Limited Partnership |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | 2,922 <u>(4)</u> | I | 401(k) Plan |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | 32,148 <u>(5)</u> | I | Grantor Trust (fbo daughter) |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | 32,148 <u>(6)</u> | I | Grantor Trust (fbo son) |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | 39,004 <u>(7)</u> | I | Trust (fbo wife) |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | 1,802 <u>(8)</u> | I | Trust (fbo wife) |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | 40,000 <u>(7)</u> | I | Trust (fbo Wife) |

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 | Amount or Number |

| Option Type | Exercise Price | Grant Date | Expiration Date | Category | Quantity | Notes | Acquisition Date | Interest Type | Quantity |
|---|----------------|------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.6 | 03/18/2016 | | M | 77,700 | (9) | 02/06/2019 | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 77,700 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.6 | 03/18/2016 | | M | 22,300 | (9) | 02/06/2019 | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 22,300 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NEITHERCUT DAVID J TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact
Date: 03/21/2016

**Signature of 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).
- (1) Represents shares beneficially owned by a family limited partnership, of which the reporting person is the general partner.
- (2) The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$74.50 to \$74.56. 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.
- (3) The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$75.01 to \$75.38. 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.
- (4) 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 March 10, 2016.
- (5) Represents shares beneficially owned by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's daughter. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (6) Represents shares beneficially owned by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (7) Represents shares beneficially owned by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's wife. The reporting person is the sole trustee of this trust and, as such, may be deemed the beneficial owner of these shares.
- (8) Represents shares beneficially owned by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's wife. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in

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- (9) Represents options which vested in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.

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