

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 4

December 17, 2015

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)

**12/16/2015**

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)

☒ 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	11/25/2015		G	V 3,500	D \$ 0	41,504.753 (1)	I Trust (fbo wife)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	11/25/2015		G	V 2,500	D \$ 0	39,004.753 (1)	I Trust (fbo wife)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	12/16/2015		M	116,519	A \$ 38.57	119,393 (2)	I Family Limited Partnership

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	12/16/2015	S	116,519	D	\$ 80.03 (3)	2,874 (2)	I	Family Limited Partnership
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	12/17/2015	S	2,038.736	D	\$ 80.58	0	I	SERP Account
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						2,614.7365 (4)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						32,148 (5)	I	Grantor Trust (fbo daughter)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						32,148 (6)	I	Grantor Trust (fbo son)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						40,000 (7)	I	Trust (fbo Wife)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						1,802 (8)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Date Exercisable	9. Expiration Date	10. Title	11. Amount Underlying Security
				Code	V (A) (D)						

Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.57	12/16/2015	M	116,519	<u>(9)</u>	02/07/2018	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	11
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## 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

12/17/2015

\_\_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) 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. Excludes 40,000 shares that were previously reported as owned by this Trust which were transferred to a different Trust (fbo wife).
- (2) Represents shares beneficially owned by a family limited partnership, of which the reporting person is the general partner.
- (3) The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$80.00 to \$80.12. 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 October 12, 2015.
- (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 his 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 his 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.
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- (9) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 7, 2009, February 7, 2010 and February 7, 2011.

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