

HELFAND DAVID  
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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 \*  
HELFAND DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EQUITY  
COMMONWEALTH, TWO  
NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA,  
SUITE 2100

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Equity Commonwealth [EQC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/07/2018

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  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	02/07/2018		A		42,884 (1)	A	\$ 28.79 561,176 D
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	02/07/2018		F		22,337 (2)	D	\$ 28.79 538,839 D
Common Shares of							290 I See footnote

Beneficial Interest

(3)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Share Units	(4)	02/07/2018		A	42,884	(5) (5)	Common Stock	42,884

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELFAND DAVID C/O EQUITY COMMONWEALTH TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 2100 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Orrin S. Shifrin, attorney-in-fact  
Date: 02/08/2018

\*\*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) Reflects common shares that were issued to the Reporting Person as a result of certain performance criteria being met with respect to previously granted restricted share units ("RSUs") and a portion of such RSUs vesting on the Transaction Date.
- (2) Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of RSUs.

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- These shares are held by EGI-CW Holdings, L.L.C. ("EGI-CW"). The reporting person is a member of EGI-Fund (14-16) Investors, L.L.C. ("EGI-Fund (14-16)"), which is a member of EGI-CW. The shares reported represent only the number of shares in which the reporting person has a pecuniary interest in accordance with his proportionate interest in EGI-Fund (14-16).
- (3) L.L.C. ("EGI-Fund (14-16)"), which is a member of EGI-CW. The shares reported represent only the number of shares in which the reporting person has a pecuniary interest in accordance with his proportionate interest in EGI-Fund (14-16).
- (4) Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock of Equity Commonwealth, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Equity Commonwealth 2012 Equity Compensation Plan and the Restricted Share Unit Agreement for the Reporting Person.

- These RSUs will vest (i) in February of 2019 on the date the issuer's compensation committee meets to determine the level of achievement of the performance criteria with respect to any performance-based equity awards or, (ii) if there are no such awards, the first date on which the issuer's compensation committee meets or takes an action by unanimous written consent in February of 2019, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with Equity Commonwealth through such date.
- (5) These RSUs will vest (i) in February of 2019 on the date the issuer's compensation committee meets to determine the level of achievement of the performance criteria with respect to any performance-based equity awards or, (ii) if there are no such awards, the first date on which the issuer's compensation committee meets or takes an action by unanimous written consent in February of 2019, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with Equity Commonwealth through such date.

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