

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
TUOMI FREDERICK C

(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)

08/17/2012

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	08/17/2012		M		5,000 A \$ 42.8	58,044 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	08/17/2012		S		5,000 D \$ 60.3	53,044 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	08/21/2012		M		10,000 A \$ 42.8	63,044 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	08/21/2012	S	10,000	D	\$ 60.2701 <u>(2)</u>	53,044 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						2,359.8963 <u>(3)</u>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						4,309.399 <u>(4)</u>	I	SERP 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)	\$ 42.8	08/17/2012		M	5,000	<u>(5)</u> 02/03/2016	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	5,000
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.8	08/21/2012		M	10,000	<u>(5)</u> 02/03/2016	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
	Executive Vice President

