

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
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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 \*  
ALEXANDER JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 SOUTH TRYON STREET

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2012

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                      |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                                      |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 12/28/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 10,000  | D  | \$ 0                                       |
|                                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 59,720.64 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |  |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 12/31/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 5,921   | A  | \$ 23.55                                   |
|                                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 65,641.64 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |  |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 12/31/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 5,532   | A  | \$ 29.25                                   |
|                                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 71,173.64 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |  |

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|--------------------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 12/31/2012 | M | 4,743 | A | \$ 31.76 | 75,916.64 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D |              |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest |            |   |       |   |          | 43,119.895 <sup>(2)</sup> | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 23.55   | 12/31/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,921   | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/07/2013                                | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest                          | 5,921                      |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 29.25   | 12/31/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,532   | <sup>(4)</sup> 01/27/2014                                | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest                          | 5,532                      |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 31.76   | 12/31/2012                           |  | M                              | 4,743   | <sup>(5)</sup> 02/03/2015                                | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest                          | 4,743                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

