GIBBONS MICHAEL E
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GIBBONS MICHAEL E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE AEC PARKWAY

(Street)

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP [AEC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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	(A) or (D)	Price			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pric Deriva Securi

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								(Instr.
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Deferred Share Units (1)	(2)	05/09/2012	A		4,414		(3)	(3)	Common Share	4,414		$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBBONS MICHAEL E ONE AEC PARKWAY RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143	X			

Signatures

/s/Suzanne K. Hanselman, as Attorney-in-Fact	05/11/2012
**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) Deferred compensation units (DCUs) acquired pursuant to deferral of restricted share grant made under the Company's deferred compensation plan.

(2) DCUs are settled in common shares based upon the market value of the Company's common shares at the time of settlement. Each DCU represents the economic equivalent of one common share

(3) DCUs are to be settled on the date elected by the reporting person at the time of deferral election.

(4) Aggregate holdings adjusted to include DCUs acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.

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