

Santee David S  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Santee David S

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE  
 PLAZA, SUITE 400  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/03/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

CHICAGO, IL 60606  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	02/03/2012		A		8,592	A	\$ 0
					8,592 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	02/03/2012		S		12,817.151	D	\$ 60.25
					14,770.659 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest					1,904.7215 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	
							401(k) Plan

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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
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.25	02/03/2012		A	60,621	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/03/2022	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	60,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Santee David S TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 02/07/2012

\*\*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) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.  
Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP"), for the benefit of the reporting person. Also includes restricted shares that the reporting person deferred to the SERP upon vesting of the shares.
- (3) 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 January 13, 2012.

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(4) Represents share options scheduled to vest in three equal installments on February 3, 2013, February 3, 2014 and February 3, 2015.

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