

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Santee David S

(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)

03/16/2016

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 & COO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	03/16/2016		M		\$ 13,590 A 48.94	63,279 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	03/16/2016		S		\$ 73.2 13,590 D	49,689 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	03/16/2016		M		\$ 50.42 13,392 A	63,081 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	03/16/2016	S	13,392	D	\$ 73.2	49,689 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						16 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan

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)	\$ 48.94	03/16/2016		M	13,590	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/07/2023	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	13,
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.42	03/16/2016		M	13,392	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/06/2024	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	13,

## 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 & COO	

## Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz,  
Attorney-in-fact

03/17/2016

\_\_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 acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with  
(2) 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 March 10, 2016.

(3) Represents options which vested on February 7, 2014, February 7, 2015 and February 7, 2016.

(4) Represents options which are scheduled to vest on February 6, 2015, February 6, 2016 and February 6, 2017.

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