

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ZELL SAMUEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE  
PLAZA, SUITE 600

(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)  
12/14/2016

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)  
Chairman of the Board

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 | 12/14/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 152,338 A \$ 45.59  | 2,382,351 (1)  | D   |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 12/14/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 110,542 D \$ 62.845 (2)   | 2,271,809 (1)  | D   |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 600 (3)  | I By Spouse, Trustee for Helen Zell Revocable         |

|                                      |                          |   |                             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 1,206,968 <sup>(4)</sup> | I | Trust                       |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 36,552 <sup>(5)</sup>    | I | Samstock, L.L.C.            |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 689,643 <sup>(6)</sup>   | I | Samuel Zell Revocable Trust |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 1,246 <sup>(7)</sup>     | I | SERP Account                |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 1,246 <sup>(8)</sup>     | I | SZ JoAnn Trust              |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 1,246 <sup>(9)</sup>     | I | SZ Kellie Trust             |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 1,246 <sup>(9)</sup>     | I | SZ Matthew Trust            |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 154,480 <sup>(10)</sup>  | I | Zell Family Foundation      |

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) |       |    |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|----|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title | Am |

|   |          |            |   |         |             |            |   |
|---|----------|------------|---|---------|-------------|------------|---|
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 45.59 | 12/14/2016 | M | 152,338 | <u>(11)</u> | 02/08/2017 | Common<br>Shares Of<br>Beneficial<br>Interest |
|---|----------|------------|---|---------|-------------|------------|---|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                 |
| ZELL SAMUEL<br>TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600<br>CHICAGO, IL 60606 | X             |           |         | Chairman of the Board |

## Signatures

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

12/15/2016

\_\_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.  
The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$62.67 to \$63.14. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the Helen Zell Revocable Trust ("HZRT"). Mr. Zell's spouse, Helen Zell, is the trustee of HZRT. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported as beneficially owned by him except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by Samstock, L.L.C. ("Samstock"). The sole member of Samstock is SZ Investments, L.L.C. ("SZ"). The managing member of SZ is Chai Trust Company, LLC ("Chai Trust"). Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) Shares reported herein are owned by the Samuel Zell Revocable Trust. Mr. Zell is sole trustee and beneficiary of the Samuel Zell Revocable Trust, and, as such, he is the beneficial owner of the shares reported herein.
- (6) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person.  
Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the SZ JoAnn Trust ("SZJT"), of which Chai Trust Company, LLC ("Chai Trust") is the trustee. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (8) Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the SZ Kellie Trust ("SZKT"), of which Chai Trust Company, LLC ("Chai Trust") is the trustee. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (9) Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the SZ Matthew Trust ("SZMT"), of which Chai Trust Company, LLC ("Chai Trust") is the trustee. Mr. Zell is not an officer or director of Chai Trust and does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares. Mr. Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (10) Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by the Zell Family Foundation ("Foundation"). Mr. Zell is a director of the Foundation; however, Mr. Zell does not have voting or dispositive power over such shares, or any pecuniary interest therein, and therefore disclaims

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beneficial ownership of such shares.

**(11)** Represents share options which vested in three equal installments on February 8, 2008, February 8, 2009 and February 8, 2010.

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