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EQUITY RESIDENTIAL
Form 8-K
June 25, 2012
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant
to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): June 21, 2012

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-12252 (Commission File Number) | 13-3675988 (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
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| Two North Riverside Plaza Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices) | 60606 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 474-1300

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On June 21, 2012, Equity Residential (the “Company”) held its 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”). At the Annual Meeting, the Company's shareholders:

- Elected all eleven nominees for Trustees to a one-year term;
- Ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditor for 2012;
- On an advisory basis, approved the executive compensation set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting (the “Proxy Statement”); and
- Did not approve the shareholder proposal relating to sustainability reporting.

The following are the final voting results for each of the four proposals presented at the Annual Meeting:

Proposal 1 - Election of Trustees:

| Nominee | For | Withheld |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| John W. Alexander | 258,797,361 | 3,840,026 |
| Charles L. Atwood | 262,324,673 | 312,714 |
| Linda Walker Bynoe | 259,529,604 | 3,107,783 |
| Mary Kay Haben | 262,436,019 | 201,368 |
| Bradley A. Keywell | 260,375,672 | 2,261,715 |
| John E. Neal | 262,441,949 | 195,438 |
| David J. Neithercut | 262,082,569 | 554,818 |
| Mark S. Shapiro | 258,892,723 | 3,744,664 |
| Gerald A. Spector | 261,314,939 | 1,322,448 |
| B. Joseph White | 258,811,538 | 3,825,849 |
| Samuel Zell | 255,263,465 | 7,373,922 |

There were 9,134,914 broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 1.

Proposal 2 - Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP:

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| For | 270,570,794 |
| Against | 1,093,168 |
| Abstain | 108,339 |

Proposal 3 - Approval, on an advisory basis, of the executive compensation in the Proxy Statement:

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| For | 251,043,659 |
| Against | 8,404,808 |
| Abstain | 3,188,920 |
| Broker Non-Votes | 9,134,914 |

Proposal 4 - Shareholder proposal relating to sustainability reporting:

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| For | 108,323,365 |
| Against | 131,909,732 |
| Abstain | 22,404,290 |
| Broker Non-Votes | 9,134,914 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

Date: June 25, 2012

By: /s/ Bruce C. Strohm
Name: Bruce C. Strohm
Its: Executive Vice President and General Counsel