

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

Form 4

February 29, 2016

FORM 4UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
02/26/20164. 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
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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			
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	02/26/2016		A		1,578 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 63.37	36,552 <u>(2)</u>	I	Samuel Zell Revocable Trust
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest								2,230,013 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest								600 <u>(4)</u>	I	By Spouse, Trustee for Helen Zell Revocable

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	1,206,968 ⁽⁵⁾	I	Trust Samstock, L.L.C.
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	689,643 ⁽⁶⁾	I	SERP Account
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	1,246 ⁽⁷⁾	I	SZ JoAnn Trust
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	1,246 ⁽⁸⁾	I	SZ Kellie Trust
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	1,246 ⁽⁹⁾	I	SZ Matthew Trust
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	154,480 ⁽¹⁰⁾	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, 02/29/2016
Attorney-in-fact

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents shares acquired through Equity Residential's Employee Share Purchase Plan.

(2) 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 may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares reported herein.

(3) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(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, and includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.

(7) 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 beneficial ownership of such shares.

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