EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

Form 4

Common

Shares of

Beneficial

Interest

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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **EVANS STEPHEN O** Issuer Symbol **EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]** (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE 12/08/2008 below) PLAZA, SUITE 400 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60606 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDisposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Shares of 18,873.4942 D (1) Beneficial Interest Common Shares of 264.4447 (2) 401(k) Plan Beneficial Interest

Evans

Charitable

Foundation

30,000 (3)

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Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	С	49,000	A	\$ 0	149,000 (4)	I	Evans Family LLC
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	S	49,000	D	\$ 32.9629 (5)	100,000 (4)	I	Evans Family LLC
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest						14,530.9348 (6)	I	SERP
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	С	151,504	A	\$ 0	151,504 (7)	I	Trust
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/08/2008	S	151,500	D	\$ 32.9629 (8)	4 (7)	I	Trust

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or (Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am- Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N S
Operating Partnership Units	\$ 0	12/08/2008		G	49,000	, ,	12/23/1997	(12)	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	
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Operating Partnership Units	\$ 0	12/08/2008	C		151,504	12/23/1997	(12)	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
IS STEPHEN O							

EVANS STEPHEN O
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 X
CHICAGO, IL 60606

Signatures

s/ By: Yasmina Duwe, 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).
- ** 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 along with shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.
- 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 October 13, 2008.
- Represents shares beneficially owned by The Evans Charitable Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation, of which Mr. Evans serves as chairman. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares owned by The Evans Charitable Foundation, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Represents shares beneficially owned by The Evans Family Limited Liability Company ("Evans Family LLC"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the manager. Mr. Evans disclaims benefical ownership of such shares owned by the Evans Family LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$32.44 to \$33.00. The

 (5) 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.

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- (6) Represents shares owned by AST 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) Represents shares beneficially owned by The Evans Family Revocable Trust (the "Trust"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the trustee. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares owned by the Trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$32.44 to \$33.20. The

 (8) 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.
- (9) The Operating Partnership Units (OP Units) reported on this line are beneficially owned by The Evans Family Limited Liability

 Company ("Evans Family LLC"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the manager. The OP Units are convertible into common shares on a one-for-one basis. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such OP Units owned by the Evans Family LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- The Operating Partnership Units (OP Units) reported on this line are beneficially owned by EW Investments Limited Partnership ("EW Investments"), of which Mr. Evans serves as a general partner. The OP Units are convertible into common shares on a one-for-one basis.

 Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such OP Units owned by EW Investments, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- The Operating Partnership Units (OP Units) reported on this line are beneficially owned by The Evans Family Revocable Trust (the (11) "Trust"), of which Mr. Evans serves as the trustee. The OP Units are convertible into common shares on a one-for-one basis. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of such OP Units owned by the Trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (12) There is no expiration date.

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