

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GEORGE ALAN W

(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)  
01/28/2011

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 & CIO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                      |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                             |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 12/27/2010                           |                                                    | G                              | V                                                                 | 390                                                                                           | D                                                        | \$ 0                              |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 96,895.627                                                                                    | D                                                        | (1)                               |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 01/28/2011                           |                                                    | D                              |                                                                   | 18,959                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 0                              |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 77,936.627                                                                                    | D                                                        | (1)                               |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 2,592.0335                                                                                    | I                                                        | (3)                               |
|                                      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 401(k) Plan                       |

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest 51,725.247  
(4) I SERP Account

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| LTIP Units                                 | \$ 0 (5)                                               | 01/28/2011                           |                                                    | A                              | 18,959                                                                                  | (6) 01/28/2021                                           | Operating Partnership Units                                   | 18,959                     |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                             | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| GEORGE ALAN W<br>TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400<br>CHICAGO, IL 60606 |               |           | Executive Vice President & CIO |       |

## Signatures

s/ By: Yasmina Duwe, Attorney-in-fact 01/31/2011

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.
- (2) Represents previously reported restricted shares that the reporting person elected to exchange for LTIP Units (as such term is defined in footnote no. 5) on a one-for-one basis.

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(3) 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 January 14, 2011.

(4) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person.

(5) On January 28, 2011, the reporting person elected to exchange his previously reported restricted shares for limited partnership interests ("LTIP Units") in ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership of Equity Residential (the "Company"), on a one-for-one basis. The LTIP Units are a class of units of the Operating Partnership that, conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes, are convertible by the holder into an equivalent number of OP Units of the Operating Partnership, which, subject to a two-year holding restriction, are redeemable by the holder for common shares of the Company on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Company's option.

(6) The LTIP Units are scheduled to vest on February 7, 2011.

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