#### **EQUITY RESIDENTIAL**

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* STROHM BRUCE C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

**EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]** 

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE

PLAZA, SUITE 400

02/06/2014

below)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

below)

(Month/Day/Year)

EVP & General Counsel

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amoun Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securiti Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	f			
				Code V	(A) (D	) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.48	02/06/2014		A	26,727	<u>(1)</u>	02/06/2024	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	26
LTIP Units	<u>(2)</u>	02/06/2014		A	12,947	<u>(3)</u>	02/06/2024	Operating Partnership Units	12
LTIP Units	(2)	02/06/2014		A	4,426	(3)	02/06/2024	Operating Partnership Units	4,

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STROHM BRUCE C TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606

**EVP & General Counsel** 

## **Signatures**

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 02/10/2014

\*\*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) Represents share options scheduled to vest in three equal installments on February 6, 2015, February 6, 2016 and February 6, 2017.
  - On February 6, 2014, the reporting person received a grant of restricted limited partnership interests ("LTIP Units") in ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership of Equity Residential (the "Company"), in lieu of restricted shares of the Company as part of the Company's annual grant of long-term compensation. LTIP Units are a class of partnership interest that automatically convert into an equal number of limited partnership interests of the Operating Partnership ("OP Units") when the
- capital account related to the LTIP Units reaches a specified target for federal income tax purposes (provided such target is reached within ten years of issuance). Subject to any vesting requirements of the grant, OP Units 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. The LTIPs reflected in this report also include any OP Units into which such LTIP Units automatically convert.
- (3) The LTIP Units are scheduled to vest on February 6, 2017.

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