

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC

Form 4

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COUSINS PROPERTIES INC
[CUZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/29/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

(Street)
ATLANTA, GA 30303

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/29/2016		A ⁽¹⁾	65,574	A	\$ 0	485,646 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	01/30/2016		F ⁽³⁾	7,935	D	\$ 8.62	477,711 ⁽⁴⁾ D
Common Stock						1,665	I By Profit Sharing Plan
Common Stock						50	I By Spouse
Common Stock						500	I By Irrevocable

Common Stock	1,000	I	Trust By Irrevocable Trust
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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 Repo Trans (Instr
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L III 191 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 500 ATLANTA, GA 30303			President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence L.
Gellerstedt III

02/02/2016

**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) Award of restricted stock shares under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2009 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest equally over three years on each anniversary date of the grant. CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. While the

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shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

(2) Includes 144,305 restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2009 Incentive Stock Plans. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

(3) Shares withheld from the vesting of restricted stock to pay the reporting person's tax liability as permitted under the 2009 Incentive Stock Plan.

(4) Includes 121,505 of restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2009 Incentive Stock Plan. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

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