

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 15-12B  
August 21, 2012  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 15

CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER  
SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO  
FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTION 13 AND 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number 1-12252

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

2 North Riverside Plaza, Suite 400  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 474-1300

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

DEPOSITARY SHARES EACH REPRESENTING 1/10 OF A  
6.48% SERIES N CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST,  
\$.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

COMMON SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST, \$.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under Section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the  
duty to file reports:

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| Rule 12g-4(a)(1)     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Rule 12g-4(a)(2)     | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii) | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Rule 15d-6           | <input type="radio"/>            |

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: 0

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Equity Residential has caused this  
certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

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Date: August 21, 2012

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

By: /s/ Robert Garechana  
Name: Robert Garechana  
Its: First Vice President & Treasurer