

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form DEFA14A  
April 17, 2008

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

The following materials are available for view:

**Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and Annual Report**

To view this material and to vote these shares, have the 12-digit Control #(s) available and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the above listed documents you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy.

To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below on or before May 27, 2008.

To request material: **Internet:** [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) **Telephone:** 1-800-579-1639 **\*\*Email:** [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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## **EQUITY RESIDENTIAL**

*TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS 60606*

### **Vote In Person**

You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. You must provide evidence of ownership of the shares to be admitted to the Meeting. At the Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

### **Vote By Internet**

To vote *now* by Internet, go to [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM).

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have the 12-digit Control # (s) when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

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Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: June 10, 2008  
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m., CDT  
For holders as of: March 31, 2008

Meeting Location: Two North Riverside Plaza  
Suite 2400  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**Voting items**

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE**

**FOR ALL NOMINEES IN PROPOSAL 1.**

**1. Election of Trustees to the Board.**

**Nominees for Trustee:**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>(01) John W. Alexander</b> | <b>(07) Desiree G. Rogers</b>  |
| <b>(02) Charles L. Atwood</b> | <b>(08) Sheli Z. Rosenberg</b> |
| <b>(03) Stephen O. Evans</b>  | <b>(09) Gerald A. Spector</b>  |
| <b>(04) Boone A. Knox</b>     | <b>(10) B. Joseph White</b>    |
| <b>(05) John E. Neal</b>      | <b>(11) Samuel Zell</b>        |

**(06) David J. Neithercut**

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE**

**FOR PROPOSAL 2.**

**2. Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditor for the year ending December 31, 2008. In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.**