

Ellis James T
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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 *
 Ellis James T

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
 NE, SUITE 500
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 SVP

ATLANTA, GA 30303

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/16/2012		M ⁽²⁾	833 A \$ 7.4	22,020 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2012		D	833 D \$ 7.4	21,187 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					6,098	I	By Profit Sharing Plan

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

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- Includes 19,682 shares of restricted stock awarded under the CPI 2009 Incentive Stock Plan. While the shares are being held prior to
- (3) 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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