

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/11/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP

191 PEACHTREE STREET  
 NE, SUITE 3600

(Street)

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

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(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                    | 12/11/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 165   | A  | \$ 0                              |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 6,954 <sup>(2)</sup>              |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2010                           |  | D                              |   | 165   | D  | \$ 7.69                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <sup>(3)</sup>                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 279   | A  | \$ 0                              |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 7,068 <sup>(2)</sup>              |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2010                           |  | D                              |   | 279   | D  | \$ 7.69                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <sup>(3)</sup>                    |

Common  
Stock

6,061

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By Profit  
Sharing  
Plan

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 12/11/2010                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 165   | 12/11/2007 12/11/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 165                           |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 12/11/2010                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 279   | 12/11/2008 12/11/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 279                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ellis James T<br>191 PEACHTREE STREET NE<br>SUITE 3600<br>ATLANTA, GA 30303 |               |           | EVP     |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James T.  
Ellis

12/14/2010

\*\*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).

Award of restricted stock units under Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the average of the closing price of CPI's common stock on each trading day during the 30 day period ending on the date payment is due under the plan. These units will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, with units being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. Unforfeited shares held prior to vesting will earn dividends paid annually but will not have shareholder rights. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

(1) Includes 6,695 shares of restricted stock awarded under the CPI 2009 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will cliff vest based on continued service on 2/15/2013. CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. 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.

(2) Restricted stock units were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the 2005 RSU Plan) and have vested as to 25% of the total units granted. As required under the 2005 RSU Plan, the vested units were settled for cash from CPI. Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CPI common stock.

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