

Shannon John  
Form 4  
February 26, 2009

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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 \*  
Shannon John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP [AEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1 AEC PARKWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. V.P., Operations

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Shares, without par value	02/24/2009		A		14,235	A	\$ 0 75,556
Common Shares, without par value	02/24/2009		A		37,327	A	\$ 0 112,883
Common Shares, without par value	02/24/2009		F		4,558	D	\$ 5.32 108,325

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Common Shares, without par value	02/24/2009	F	1,271	D	\$ 5.32 <u>(1)</u>	107,054	D
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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 or Value of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Deferred Share Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	02/24/2009		A	2,512	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Share	2,512 \$ 0
Deferred Share Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	02/24/2009		A	6,587	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Share	6,587 \$ 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shannon John 1 AEC PARKWAY RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143			Sr. V.P., Operations	

## Signatures

/s/Suzanne K. Hanselman, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/26/2009

\*\*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) Based on closing price of the Common Shares on the NYSE on February 24, 2009.
  - (2) Represents deferral of restricted shares pursuant to the Company equity deferred compensation plan. Common Shares will be issued in exchange for the Deferred Share Units at the end of the deferral period.

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