

GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L III  
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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 \*  
 GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COUSINS PROPERTIES INC  
 [CUZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 500  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/14/2013

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(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 Stock	02/14/2013		F <sup>(1)</sup>		5,642	D	\$ 9.22
Common Stock	02/15/2013		F <sup>(1)</sup>		18,610	D	\$ 9.34
Common Stock	02/16/2013		M <sup>(4)</sup>		3,730	A	\$ 8.9425
Common Stock	02/16/2013		D		3,730	D	\$ 8.9425
Common Stock						I	1,665
							By Profit Sharing

			Plan
Common Stock	50	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	500	I	By Irrevocable Trust
Common Stock	1,000	I	By Irrevocable Trust

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	(S)	02/16/2013		M <sup>(4)</sup>	3,730	02/16/2010 02/16/2013	Common Stock	3,730

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L III 191 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 500 ATLANTA, GA 30303			President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Lawrence L.  
Gellerstedt III

02/19/2013

\_\_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) Shares withheld from the vesting of restricted stock to pay the reporting person's tax liability as permitted under the 2009 Incentive Stock Plan.  
Includes 258,898 restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2009 Incentive Stock Plans. 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.
- (3) Includes 220,088 restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2009 Incentive Stock Plans. 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.
- (4) 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.  
Award of restricted stock units under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the fair market value of one share of CPI's common stock as of 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. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends but will not have shareholder rights. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.
- (5)

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