

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 COURTS RICHARD W II

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)
 03/08/2006

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

2500 WINDY RIDGE
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1600

(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 30339

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | M | 4,922 A \$ 9.9 | 86,788 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,687,500 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Atlantic Investment Company |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,375 ⁽³⁾ | I | By Atlantic Investment Company Profit Sharing |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(4) Shares held by the Courts Foundation for which the reporting person serves as President.

(5) Shares held by the reporting person's wife.

(1) 1,216 shares held by the reporting person through an Individual Retirement Plan. 10,274 shares held by the reporting person through a Simplified Employee Pension Plan.

These options were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated Stock Plan for Outside Directors. These options will vest 20% per year on the anniversary of the grant date, with shares being 100% vested in year 5 of the grant term. The Plan under which these options were granted complies with Rule 16b-3 and provides for tax withholding.

(2) Shares held by Atlantic Investment Company for which the reporting person serves as Chairman.

(7) On September 16, 2003 and November 19, 2004 the number of options beneficially owned and the corresponding exercise prices were adjusted due to the payment of a special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 7.4% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 6.9% for the September 16, 2003 special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 22.24% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 18.19% for the November 19, 2004 special dividend.

(3) Shares held by Atlantic Investment Company in a profit sharing account for which the reporting person serves as Chairman.

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