

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 3600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2010

ATLANTA, GA 30303

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

(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 or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	02/15/2010		A		38,810 <sup>(5)</sup>	A	D
Common Stock	02/16/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>		3,729	A	D
Common Stock	02/16/2010		D		\$ 3,729	D	D
Common Stock					7.53 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Common Stock					1,637 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Profit Sharing Plan



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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.

- (3) Shares held by the reporting person as beneficiary in the Company's Profit Sharing Plan.

These options were granted under the 2009 Incentive Stock Plan. These options will vest 25% per year on the anniversary of the grant date, with shares being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. The reporting person may, as an alternative to exercising the stock option right to purchase the full allotment of CPI stock, elect a cashless exercise. The cashless exercise allows the reporting person to receive the number of whole shares of CPI stock equal to the difference between the fair market value of the stock on the date of exercise and the option price.

- (5) Award of restricted stock shares under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2009 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will cliff vest 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.

- (6) Includes 41,572 restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 1999 and 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.

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