

ALEXANDRIA REAL ESTATE EQUITIES INC  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 11, 2009

ALEXANDRIA REAL ESTATE EQUITIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-12993  
(Commission  
File Number)

95-4502084  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

385 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 299  
Pasadena, California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

91101  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (626) 578-0777

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N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 11, 2009, James H. Richardson, President of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. (the Company), informed the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors that, for personal and family reasons, he is stepping down from his position as President of the Company, effective immediately. Mr. Richardson will continue as a Director of the Company and is expected to become an active long-term consultant to the Company.

Mr. Richardson's operational duties and responsibilities will be assumed by Joel Marcus, Chief Executive Officer, Dean Shigenaga, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Peter Moglia, Chief Investment Officer and John Cunningham, Senior Vice President-Strategic Operations.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALEXANDRIA REAL ESTATE EQUITIES, INC.

Date: February 17, 2009

By: /s/ Dean A. Shigenaga  
Dean A. Shigenaga  
Chief Financial Officer