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GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L III Form 4 December 13, 2011 **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L III** Issuer Symbol COUSINS PROPERTIES INC (Check all applicable) [CUZ] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE** 12/11/2011 President & CEO 500 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **ATLANTA, GA 30303** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 1.Title of 3. 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common S 12/11/2011 F⁽¹⁾ 449 D 158,035 (2) D Stock 6.05 Common By Profit 1.665 Ι Stock Sharing Plan Common 50 I By Spouse Stock By Common Irrevocable 500 (3) I Stock Trust 1,000 (4) I

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| Common |
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| Stock |

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) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | Unde Secur | unt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | |
| GELLERSTEDT LAWRENCE L I 191 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 500 ATLANTA, GA 30303 | II | | President & CEO | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Lawrence L. Gellerstedt III | 12/13/2011 | | | | | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | | | | | | |

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Shares withheld from the vesting of restricted stock to pay the reporting person's tax liability as permitted under the 1999 Incentive Stock (1) Plan.

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Includes 74,104 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.

(3) Shares held by an irrevocable trust in which Mrs. Gellerstedt is the trustee and Mr. & Mrs. Gellerstedt's daughter is the sole beneficiary.

(4) Shares held by an irrevocable trust in which Mrs. Gellerstedt is the trustee and Mr. & Mrs. Gellerstedt's son is the sole beneficiary.

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