

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
MURPHY JOEL T

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)
2500 WINDY RIDGE
PARKWAY, SUITE 1600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/25/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP-President Retail Division

(Street)
ATLANTA, GA 30339

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2006 | | M | | 15,000 | A | \$ 11.68 | 60,304 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2006 | | S | | 15,000 | D | \$ 30.12 | 45,304 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 5,497 ⁽²⁾ | I | In self-directed account |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 11.68 | 05/25/2006 | | M | 15,000 | 11/26/1997 ⁽³⁾ 11/26/2006 | Common Stock 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MURPHY JOEL T 2500 WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY SUITE 1600 ATLANTA, GA 30339 | | | SVP-President Retail Division | |

Signatures

Joel T. Murphy 05/26/2006

**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).

- Includes 22,412 shares awarded under Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. The shares will be paid in any event if the employee is employed approximately six years from the grant date. Such shares may be awarded earlier as follows: (i) In three years if Funds from Operations Per Shares ("FFOPS") has grown 15% per annum; (ii) In four years if FFOPS has grown by 14% per annum; and (iii) In five years if FFOPS has grown 13% per annum. All shares not paid will forfeit upon termination of employment.
- (1) Includes 17,441 shares of restricted stock awarded under the CPI 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, and 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.
- (3) These options were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 1995 Incentive Stock Plan. 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

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granted complies with Rule 16b-3 and provides for tax withholding.

- (2) Represents the shares held in the Company's Profit Sharing Plan in a self-directed account.

- (4) 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.

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