

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Lease Thomas Jay</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MACERICH CO [MAC]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior EVP		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/01/2012</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>THE MACERICH COMPANY</u> <u>401 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 700</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>SANTA MONICA CA 90401</u>								
(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
LTIP Units	(1)	09/01/2012		A		20,000		09/01/2012	(1)	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	20,000	D	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$59.57	09/01/2012		A		39,932		09/01/2012	09/01/2022	Common Stock	39,932	\$0	39,932	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$59.57	09/01/2012		A		10,068		(2)	09/01/2022	Common Stock	10,068	\$0	10,068	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents units of limited partnership interest in The Macerich Partnership, L.P. (the "Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner, issued as long term incentive compensation pursuant to the Issuer's equity based compensatory programs. Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes, each LTIP Unit may be converted into a common unit of limited partnership interest in the Partnership (a "Common Unit"). Each Common Unit acquired upon conversion of a LTIP Unit may be presented for redemption, at the election of the holder, for cash equal to the then fair market value of a share of the Issuer's Common Stock, except that the Issuer may, at its election, acquire each Common Unit so presented for one share of Common Stock. The rights to convert LTIP Units into Common Units and redeem Common Units do not have expiration dates.
- The option vests in six nearly equal annual installments beginning on September 1, 2012.

Madonna R. Shannon, for
THOMAS J. LEANSE

09/05/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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