

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

|   |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                         |  |
| <b>Evans Carlos E</b>                     |  | <b>HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [ HIW ]</b>           |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                    |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |
| <b>3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600</b>    |  | <b>12/27/2018</b>                                 |  |  |  |
| (Street)                                  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |  |
| <b>RALEIGH, NC 27604</b>                  |  |   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person                             |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |  |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                              |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |             | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(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       |  |  |   |
| Common Stock                       | 12/27/2018     | 12/27/2018                        | P                         |   | 10000.00   | A          | \$38.31 (1) | 21247.00   | D  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date |     | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|---|--|--|
|   |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V |   | (A)                                     | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |   |  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents the weighted average purchase price. Purchase prices range from \$38.04 - \$38.45.

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>Evans Carlos E</b><br><b>3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600</b><br><b>RALEIGH, NC 27604</b> | <b>X</b>      |           |         |       |

### Signatures

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller Attorney in fact for Carlos E. Evans

12/28/2018

\*\*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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