#### ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

February 23, 2017

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC [ESS]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
	ESSEX PROPERTY 02/22/20 ST, 1100 PARK PLACE,				ransaction			Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Executive Vice President			
File				endment, D nth/Day/Yea	U	al		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
SAN MAT	EO, CA 94403						Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (S)			
Common Stock	02/22/2017			M	1,250	A	\$ 132.03 (1)	9,680	D		
Common							¢				

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration E (Month/Day.	Pate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 132.03	02/22/2017		M	1,250	(2)	12/06/2021	Common Stock	1,250

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EUDY JOHN D C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200 SAN MATEO, CA 94403

**Executive Vice President** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ John Farias, Attorney in Fact 02/23/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Da

## **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).
- (1) Under the option terms, the maximum value that the reporting person could receive is \$100 per share.
- (2) Vested 10% on December 6, 2011 and 20% on each annual anniversary thereafter.

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