ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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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 * Alexander Erik J.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC [ESS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2015	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (special below) Senior Vice President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
PALO ALTO	, CA 94303			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit r(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	08/18/2015		M	729	A	\$ 132.03 (1)	759	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2015		S	729	D	\$ 232.03	30	D	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	⁷ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to purchase)	\$ 132.03 (1)	08/18/2015		M		729	12/06/2011	12/06/2021	Common Stock	729

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Alexander Erik J. 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Michael T.

Dance 08/20/2015

**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).
- (1) Under the options terms, the maximum value the reporting person could receive is \$100 per share.

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