

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

December 11, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ZIMMERMAN CRAIG K

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)
1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/09/2015

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

SAN MATEO, CA 94403

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
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Person

(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	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	12/09/2015	A		998 <u>(3)</u>		<u>(2)(3)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	998	\$ 0
LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	12/09/2015	A		998 <u>(4)</u>		<u>(2)(4)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	998	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ZIMMERMAN CRAIG K 1100 PARK PLACE SUITE 200 SAN MATEO, CA 94403	Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ John Farias, as Attorney
in Fact 12/11/2015

__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) Represents LTIP Units in Essex Portfolio, L.P.

(2) Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes and vesting as described in footnote 3 below, each LTIP Unit may be converted, at the election of the holder, into a unit of limited partnership interest in Essex Portfolio, L.P. (a "Common Unit"). Each Common Unit acquired upon conversion of an LTIP Unit may be converted into one share of Common Stock of the Issuer. LTIP Units are generally not convertible without the consent of the Issuer until two years from the date of the grant. The rights to convert LTIP Units into Common Units and to convert Common Units into shares of Common Stock do not have expiration dates.

(3) Represents LTIP Units granted on December 9, 2014 that were earned on December 9, 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers relative total return to shareholders measured against industry-specific indices through December 9, 2015.

(4) Represents LTIP Units granted on December 9, 2014 that were earned on December 9, 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers relative total return to shareholders measured against industry-specific indices through December 9, 2015. These LTIP Units are scheduled to vest 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of December 9, 2014, subject to continued employment through such dates.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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