

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

December 18, 2015

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Burkart John F.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ESSEX PROPERTY  
TRUST, 1100 PARK PLACE,  
SUITE 200

(Street)

SAN MATEO, CA 94403

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC  
[ESS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/18/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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		
Common Stock	12/18/2015		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	A \$ 143.03 <sup>(2)</sup>	5,823	D
Common Stock	12/18/2015		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	D \$ 236.85	2,823	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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. S (I
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 143.03	12/18/2015		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	<sup>(3)</sup>	12/11/2019	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address****Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Burkart John F.  
C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST  
1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200  
SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Sr. Executive Vice President

## Signatures

s/ John Farias, Attorney  
in Fact 12/18/2015

\_\_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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 6, 2015.
- (2) Under the option terms, the maximum value that the reporting person could receive is \$75 per share. The value in excess of such amount, \$18.82, was remitted to the Issuer by the reporting person in addition to the exercise price of \$143.03.
- (3) Vested 10% on December 11, 2012, and 20% on each anniversary thereafter.

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