

Burkart John F.
Form 4
December 15, 2017

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Burkart John F.

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2017

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

(Street)
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. 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)
Common Stock	12/07/2017		A	803 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	5,288	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2017		A	641 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0	5,929	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)
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 240.61	12/07/2017		A	20,385	12/07/2018 12/07/2027	Common Stock 20,385

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Burkart John F. C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200 SAN MATEO, CA 94403	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Sr. Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ John Farias, Attorney
in Fact 12/15/2017

__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 restricted stock units that are fully vested as of the grant date and are subject to restrictions on transfer for the three-year period following the date of grant. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 1,874 restricted stock units also granted on December 7, 2017, that may be earned subject to achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against an industry specific index through December 7, 2020.
 - (2) Represents restricted stock units that vest 100% on the third anniversary of December 7, 2017, subject to continued employment through such date. In accordance with the applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 1,495 restricted stock units also granted on December 7, 2017 that are scheduled to vest 100% on the third anniversary of December 7, 2017, subject to continued employment through such date and the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against an industry-specific index through December 7, 2020.
 - (3) 1/3 of these options vest on each anniversary starting on December 7, 2018 and ending on December 7, 2020. Stock options are subject to a \$100 cap upon exercise.

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