

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC  
Form DEFA14A  
April 23, 2014

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SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT  
SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION  
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Essex Property Trust, Inc.  
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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\*\*\* Exercise Your Right to Vote \*\*\*

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 10, 2014

Meeting Information

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. Meeting Type: Annual Meeting  
For holders as of: April 03, 2014  
Date: June 10, 2014 Time: 1:00 PM PST  
Location: The Stanford Park Hotel  
100 El Camino Real  
Menlo Park, CA

Computershare

655 Montgomery Street  
Suite 830

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

San Francisco,  
CA 94111

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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— Before You Vote —

#### How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Annual Report/10K

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL\*: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 27, 2014 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To Vote —

#### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card,

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Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of  
Directors  
Nominees

01 David W. Brady	02 Keith R. Guericke	03 Irving F. Lyons, III	04 George M. Marcus	05 Gary P. Martin
06 Issie N. Rabinovitch	07 Thomas E. Randlett	08 Thomas E. Robinson	09 Michael J. Schall	10 Byron A. Scordelis
11 Janice L. Sears	12 Thomas P. Sullivan	13 Claude J. Zinngrabe, Jr		

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

<sup>2</sup> Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2014.

3 Advisory approval of the Company's executive compensation.

NOTE: To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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