

Dance Michael T  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Dance Michael T

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST,  
 INC., 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/08/2012

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	11/08/2012		G	D	1,904	\$ 0	12,268 D
Common Stock	11/08/2012		C <sup>(1)</sup>	A	2,250	14,518	I Family Trust

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Incentive Units	(1)	11/08/2012		C(1)	2,250	11/08/2012 (1)	Common Stock	2,250

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Dance Michael T  
C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.  
925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE  
PALO ALTO, CA 94303

Executive Vice President & CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Michael T.  
Dance

11/09/2012

\*\*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).

The reporting person exchanged 2,250 series Z-1 incentive units of Essex Portfolio, L.P. (EPLP) into 2,250 common units of EPLP and in (1) turn exchanged such common units into 2,250 shares of the issuer. The issuer is the general partner of EPLP. Common units of EPLP have no set expiration date. All of the common stock issued is subject to liquidity restrictions and cannot be sold until December 2014.

(2) Represents the number of series Z-1 incentive units held by the reporting person after the transaction covered by this Form 4.

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