ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Burkart John F. Issuer Symbol ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC (Check all applicable) [ESS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O ESSEX PROPERTY 02/10/2017 Sr. Executive Vice President TRUST, 1100 PARK PLACE, **SUITE 200** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Common

02/10/2017

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount \$ Common 02/10/2017 M 500 A 132.03 4,985 D Stock (1) \$ Common 02/10/2017 M 3,000 A 143.03 7,985 D Stock (2) Common \$ 02/10/2017 S 500 D D 7,485 Stock 228.61

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Stock 228.74

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 132.03	02/10/2017		M	500	(3)	12/06/2021	Common Stock	500
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 143.03	02/10/2017		M	3,000	<u>(4)</u>	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	02/13/2017		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- * 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) Under the option terms, the maximum value that the reporting person could receive is \$100 per share.
- Under the option terms, the maximum value that the reporting person could receive is \$75 per share. The value in excess of such amount, \$10.71, was remitted to the Issuer by the reporting person in addition to the exercise price of \$143.03.
- (3) Vested 10% on December 6, 2011 and 20% on each annual anniversary thereafter.
- (4) Vested 10% on December 11, 2012 and 20% on each annual anniversary thereafter.

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