

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/09/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President & CFO

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/09/2015		G		456 D \$ 220.8	5,062	D
Common Stock	02/09/2015		M		4,500 A \$ 132.03	9,562	D
Common Stock	02/09/2015		S		4,500 D \$ 222.31	5,062	D
Common Stock	02/09/2015		M		4,500 A \$ 143.03	9,562	D
	02/09/2015		S		4,500 D	5,062	D

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Common Stock						\$		
						222.31		
Common Stock	02/09/2015		M	2,000	A	\$	7,062	D
						132.03		

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 132.03	02/09/2015		M	4,500	12/06/2011 12/06/2021	Common Stock	4,500	
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 143.03 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/09/2015		M	4,500	12/11/2012 12/11/2019	Common Stock	4,500	
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 132.03	02/09/2015		M	2,000	12/06/2011 12/06/2021	Common Stock	2,000	

## 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			Executive Vice President & CFO	

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

## Signatures

s/ Michael T.

Dance

02/11/2015

\_\_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) Under the options terms, the maximum value that the reporting person could receive is \$75 per share. The value in excess of such amount, \$4.28, was remitted to the Issuer by the reporting person in addition to the exercise price of \$143.03.

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