ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHALL MICHAEL J

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

(Check all applicable)

below)

[ESS]

(Middle)

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

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200

12/09/2015

President and CEO

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN MATEO, CA 94403

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | | | 8) | 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | (Instr. | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--|------|----|---|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| LTIP Units (1) | <u>(2)</u> | 12/09/2015 | | A | | 3,325 (3) | | (2)(3) | (2) | Common Stock | 3,325 | \$ (|
| LTIP Units (1) | <u>(2)</u> | 12/09/2015 | | A | | 1,663 (4) | | (2)(4) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,663 | \$ (|

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHALL MICHAEL J 1100 PARK PLACE SUITE 200 SAN MATEO, CA 94403

President and CEO

Signatures

s/ John Farias 12/11/2015

**Signature of 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 LTIP Units in Essex Portfolio, L.P.

Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes and vesting as described in footnote 3 below, each LTIP Unit may be converted, at the election of the holder, into a unit of limited partnership interest in Essex

- Portfolio, L.P. (a "Common Unit"). Each Common Unit acquired upon conversion of an LTIP Unit may be converted into one share of Common Stock of the Issuer. LTIP Units are generally not convertible without the consent of the Issuer until two years from the date of the grant. The rights to convert LTIP Units into Common Units and to convert Common Units into shares of Common Stock do not have expiration dates.
- Represents LTIP Units granted on December 9, 2014 that were earned on December 9, 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers relative total return to shareholders measured against industry-specific indices through December 9, 2015. These LTIP Units are scheduled to vest 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of December 9, 2014, subject to continued employment through such dates.
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Remarks:

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Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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