

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 \*  
 MILLICHAP WILLIAM A

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)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE, 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE

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

(Street)  
 PALO ALTO, CA 94303

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	05/12/2008		M		2,500	A	\$ 46.99 12,400	D
Common Stock	05/12/2008		S		2,500	D	\$ 118.05 9,900	D
Common Stock	05/12/2008		M		2,500	A	\$ 38.06 12,400	D
Common Stock	05/12/2008		S		2,500	D	\$ 117.95 9,900	D
Common Stock	05/12/2008		M		2,500	A	\$ 30.38 12,400	D

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Common Stock	05/12/2008	S	2,500	D	\$ 117.85	9,900	D
Common Stock	05/12/2008	M	2,500	A	\$ 30.13	12,400	D
Common Stock	05/12/2008	S	2,500	D	\$ 117.86	9,900	D

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. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 46.99	05/12/2008		M	2,500	05/15/2002 05/15/2011	Common Stock	2,500	
Director Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 38.06	05/12/2008		M	2,500	04/25/2001 04/25/2010	Common Stock	2,500	
Director Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 30.38	05/12/2008		M	2,500	04/27/2000 04/27/2009	Common Stock	2,500	
Director Stock Option - Right to	\$ 30.13	05/12/2008		M	2,500	10/13/1999 10/13/2008	Common Stock	2,500	

Purchase

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MILLICHAP WILLIAM A 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303	X			

## Signatures

Keith R. Guericke (Attorney-in-Fact)	05/12/2008
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\_\_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).

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