

Burkart John F.  
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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 \*  
Burkart John F.

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)  
Sr. Executive Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2018

SAN MATEO, CA 94403  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                    |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2018                           |  | M                              | 332 A \$ 152.63   | 7,064   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2018                           |  | S                              | 332 D \$ 255.51   | 6,732   | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Purchase)           | \$ 152.63  | 12/19/2018                           |  | M                              | 332   | 12/10/2014 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/10/2023                     | Common Stock 332  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Burkart John F.<br>C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST<br>1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200<br>SAN MATEO, CA 94403 |               |           | Sr. Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John Farias, Attorney in Fact 12/20/2018

\*\*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 \$100 per share. The value in excess of such amount, \$2.88, was remitted to the Issuer by the reporting person in addition to the exercise price of \$152.63.
- (2) Vested 20% on December 10, 2014 and 1/60th on each monthly anniversary thereafter.

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