

LARSON ROBERT E  
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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 \*  
LARSON ROBERT E

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)  
02/09/2009

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

C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE

(Street)

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

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 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/09/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A 2,500 \$ 30.375	12,992	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D 300 \$ 60.78	12,692	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D 600 \$ 60.75	12,092	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D 800 \$ 60.73	11,292	D	
	02/09/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D 200 \$ 60.72	11,092	D	

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock	02/09/2009	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 60.705	10,792	D
Common Stock	02/09/2009	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 60.77	10,592	D
Common Stock	02/09/2009	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 60.74	10,492	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Direct Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 0	02/09/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500	04/27/2000	04/27/2009	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LARSON ROBERT E C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303	X			

## Signatures

/s/Robert E.  
Larson

02/12/2009

\_\_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) Mr. Larson was late in filing one report involving an option purchase and sale pursuant to the Company's director stock option plan and included in this Form 4 filing. Option totals were accurately reflected in the Company's prior proxy statements.

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