Hunt Bryan Gerald Form 4 June 02, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hunt Bryan Gerald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

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

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

C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST. INC., 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

First Vice President & CAO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

(City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 06/01/2010 S 121 (1) D D 605 103.69 Stock

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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title at Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (monda, Day, Teal) | (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of (Month/Day/Ye Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hunt Bryan Gerald C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303

First Vice President & CAO

Signatures

/s/ Bryan G.
Hunt

**Signature of Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) A portion of this sale of shares were withheld to cover taxes.

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