RANDLETT THOMAS E

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RANDLETT THOMAS E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

[ESS]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2011

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

(Check all applicable)

below)

C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 02/24/2011 \$ 46.99 D M 2,500 Α 12,160 Stock Common S 02/24/2011 2.500 9,660 D Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to purchase)	\$ 0	02/24/2011		M	2,500	05/15/2001	05/15/2011	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RANDLETT THOMAS E C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303

Signatures

/s/ Thomas E. 02/25/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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