

Dance Michael T
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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 *
 Dance Michael T

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)
 Executive V.P. & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST,
 INC., 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 06/02/2010

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	06/02/2010		C ⁽¹⁾		6,000	A	15,275	I	Family Trust

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 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. Price or Amount of Security (Instr. 3)
Incentive Units	(1)	06/02/2010		C(1)	6,000	06/02/2010	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dance Michael T C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303			Executive V.P. & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Michael T.
Dance 06/03/2010

**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).

The reporting person exchanged 6,000 series Z-1 incentive units of Essex Portfolio, L.P. (EPLP) into 6,000 common units of EPLP and in (1) turn exchanged such common units into 6,000 shares of the issuer. The issuer is the general partner of EPLP. Common units of EPLP have no set expiration date. All of the common stock issued is subject to liquidity restrictions and cannot be sold until December 2014.

(2) Represents the number of series Z-1 incentive units held by the reporting person after the transaction covered by this Form 4.

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