

Kessler John B  
Form 4  
March 22, 2019

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Kessler John B

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.  
[ESRT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY  
TRUST, INC., 111 WEST 33RD  
STREET, 12TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/20/2019

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

(Street)  
NEW YORK, NY 10120

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(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 (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2019		J <sup>(2)</sup>	59,910	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock 59,910
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2019		A	13,666 <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	<u>(1)(3)(4)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock 13,666
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2019		A	90,762 <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>	<u>(1)(4)(5)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock 90,762

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kessler John B C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC. 111 WEST 33RD STREET, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10120			President and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Bart S. Goldstein,  
Attorney-in-Fact 03/22/2019

                     \*\*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) These represent long term incentive plan units ("LTIP Units"), a class of units of Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). Conditioned upon sufficient allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes, LTIP Units are convertible by the reporting person, upon vesting, into an equivalent number of units of limited partnership interests ("Operating Partnership Units") of the Operating Partnership, which are redeemable by the holder for shares of Class A Common Stock of Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Issuer's option. The rights to convert LTIP units into Operating Partnership Units and redeem Operating Partnership Units do not have expiration dates.

(2) These LTIP Units were granted on February 29, 2016 and were scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria relating to the Issuer's total return to the shareholders during a three-year performance period ending December 31, 2018. These units were forfeited due to failure to satisfy such performance criteria as of December 31, 2018.

(3) These represent fully vested LTIP Units issued, pursuant to the Issuer's First Amended and Restated Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. Empire State Realty OP, L.P. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (as amended and restated as of April 4, 2016), in connection with an annual incentive bonus compensation election made by the reporting person.

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- (4) Each of the LTIP Units is subject to a holding period for an additional two years following the applicable vesting date of such LTIP Unit.
- (5) These LTIP Units vest 25% ratably on each of the first four anniversaries of January 1, 2019, subject to continued employment through such dates.

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