

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.
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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 *
KARP DAVID A

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/21/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and CFO

C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC., 111 WEST 33RD STREET, 12TH FLOOR

(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
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NEW YORK, NY 10120

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr
LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(1)</u>	10/21/2016		A	22,019 ₍₂₎	<u>(1)(2)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KARP DAVID A
C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC.
111 WEST 33RD STREET, 12TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10120

EVP and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Debra E. Levin,
attorney-in-fact

10/24/2016

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents long term investment plan units ("LTIP Units"), a class of units of Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). The LTIP Units are convertible by the reporting person, upon vesting, into an equivalent number of units of limited partnership interests

(1) ("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.

These LTIP Units were earned based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's total return to shareholders and the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders during a three-year performance period which ended on October 2, 2016. 50% of such

(2) earned LTIP units are fully vested (the applicable service requirement through the three-year anniversary of the grant date having been satisfied) and the remaining 50% of such earned LTIP units will vest on October 7, 2017 (the four-year anniversary of the grant date), subject to continued employment.

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