

SCHALL MICHAEL J
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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 *
 SCHALL MICHAEL J

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)
 President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/11/2017

SAN MATEO, CA 94403
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 4,801 | A \$ 143.03 | 49,564 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 4,801 | D \$ 247.37 | 44,763 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,113 | I Held by spouse |

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)

| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | \$ 143.03 | 12/11/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 4,801 | 12/11/2012 ⁽³⁾ 12/11/2019 | Common Stock | 4,801 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHALL MICHAEL J C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200 SAN MATEO, CA 94403 | | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ John Farias, Attorney in Fact 12/12/2017

__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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 27, 2017.
- (2) Under the options terms, the maximum value that the reporting person could receive is \$75 per share. The value in excess of such amount, \$29.34, was remitted to the Issuer by the reporting person in addition to the exercise price of \$143.03.
- (3) Vested 10% on December 11, 2012, and 20% on each annual anniversary thereafter.

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