ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2003

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 6)*

Essex Property Trust, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common

(Title of Class of Securities)

297178105

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [] (A fee is not required only if the person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in prior coverage.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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SCHEDULE 13G CUSIP No. 297178105 Page 2 of 4 Pages _____ 1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. 13-335336 _____ 2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [] (b) [] _____ 3) SEC USE ONLY _____ 4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION New York _____ NUMBER 5) SOLE VOTING POWER 640,555 OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY 6) SHARED VOTING POWER OWNED BY EACH REPORTING 7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON 764,155 WITH 8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER _____ 9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 764,155 _____ 10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES [] _____ _____ _____ 11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 4.18% _____ _____ 12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IA _____ _____

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

SCHEDULE 13G Page 3 of 4 Item 1(a) Name of Issuer Essex Property Trust, Inc. Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office 925 East Meadow Drive Palo Alto, California 94303 Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office 757 Third Avenue New York, New York 10017 Item 2(c) Citizenship USA Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities Common CUSIP Number Item 2(e) 297178105 Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a (a) [] Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (b) (c) [] Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act [] Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the (d) Investment Company Act (e) [X] Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (f) [] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F) (g) [] Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7) (h) [] Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(l)(ii)(H)

Item 4	Ownership					
	(a)	Amount	of Shares Beneficially Owned	764,155		
	(b)	Percent	t of Class	4.18%		
	(c)	Number	r of Shares as to which such person has:			
		(i)	sole power to vote or to direct the vote		640 , 555	
		(ii)	shared power to vote or to direct	t the vote		
		(iii)	sole power to dispose or to direc disposition of	t the	764,155	
		(iv)	shared power to dispose or to dir the disposition of	ect		
Item 5	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class					
	If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. [X]					
Item 6	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person					
	NA					
Item 7		Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company				
	NA					
Item 8	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group					
		NA				
Item 9	Notice of Dissolution of the Group					
		NA				
Item 10	Cert	ificatio	on			

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2003

/s/Robert Steers

Signature

Robert H. Steers, Chairman ------Name and Title