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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSIO Washington, D.C. 20549							COMMISSION	OMB	PPROVAL 3235-0287		
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(Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Farias John			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC [ESS]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2017					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior Vice President and CAO			
	(Street)	(Street) 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 				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Aco	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
		tion Date 2A. Deemed ay/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A))	SecuritiesIBeneficiallyOwned	6. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect (I) Instr. 4)		
2				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/07/2017			А	120 (1)	А	\$0	662	D		
Common Stock	12/07/2017			А	73 (2)	A	\$0	735	D		

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. Transactio 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
Stock Option (Right to Purchase) (3)	\$ 240.61	12/07/2017		A	5,040	12/07/2018	12/07/2027	Common Stock	5,040

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Farias John C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200 SAN MATEO, CA 94403			Senior Vice President and CAO				
Signaturos							

Signatures

/s/ John Farias 12/15/2017 <u>**</u>Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).

Represents restricted stock units that are fully vested as of the grant date and are subject to restrictions on transfer for the three-year period following the date of grant. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 279 restricted stock units also granted on December 7, 2017, that may be earned subject to achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against an industry-specific index through December 7, 2020.

Represents restricted stock units that vest 100% on the third anniversary of December 7, 2017, subject to continued employment through such date. In accordance with the applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 169 restricted stock units also granted

- (2) on December 7, 2017 that are scheduled to vest 100% on the third anniversary of December 7, 2017, subject to continued employment through such date and the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against an industry-specific index through December 7, 2020.
- (3) $\frac{1/3}{a}$ of these options vest on each anniversary starting on December 7, 2018 and ending on December 7, 2020. Stock options are subject to a \$100 cap upon exercise.

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