

Burkart John F.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Burkart John F.		(Month/Day/Year)	ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC [ESS]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/18/2010	
C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC.,Â 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
PALO ALTO,Â CAÂ 94303			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Executive Vice President	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	10	D	Â
Common Stock	12,574 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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The reporting person exchanged 12,574 series Z incentive units of Essex Portfolio, L.P. ('EPLP') into 12,574 limited partnership units of EPLP and in turn exchanged such units into 12,574 shares of the issuer. The issuer is the general partner of EPLP. Common units of EPLP have no set expiration date. All of the common stock issued is subject to liquidity restrictions and cannot be sold, transferred or margined until after January 1, 2011.

(5) A capital contribution of \$1.00 per series Z & Z-1 Incentive Units.

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