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

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**FORM 10-Q**

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☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015

OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-13106

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.**  
**ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland (Essex Property Trust, Inc.)  
California (Essex Portfolio, L.P.)

77-0369576 (Essex Property Trust, Inc.)  
77-0369575 (Essex Portfolio, L.P.)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**925 East Meadow Drive  
Palo Alto, California 94303**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

**(650) 494-3700**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Essex Property Trust, Inc.    Yes ☒    No ☐

Essex Portfolio, L.P.    Yes ☒    No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Essex Property Trust, Inc.    Yes ☒    No ☐

Essex Portfolio, L.P.    Yes ☒    No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):



Essex Property Trust, Inc.:

Large accelerated filer ☒      Accelerated filer ☐      Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a Smaller reporting company ☐  
smaller reporting company)

Essex Portfolio, L.P.:

Large accelerated filer ☐      Accelerated filer ☐      Non-accelerated filer ☒ (Do not check if a Smaller reporting company ☐  
smaller reporting company)  
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Essex Property Trust, Inc.    Yes ☐    No ☒                      Essex Portfolio, L.P.    Yes ☐    No ☒

**APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:**

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 65,744,325 shares of Common Stock (\$0.0001 par value) of Essex Property Trust, Inc. were outstanding as of August 3, 2015 .

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This report combines the reports on Form 10-Q for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2015 of Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Essex Portfolio, L.P. Unless stated otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references to “Essex” mean Essex Property Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation that operates as a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust (“REIT”), and references to “EPLP” mean Essex Portfolio, L.P. (the “Operating Partnership”). References to the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our” mean collectively Essex, EPLP and those entities/subsidiaries owned or controlled by Essex and/or EPLP. References to the “Operating Partnership” mean collectively EPLP and those entities/subsidiaries owned or controlled by EPLP.

Essex is the general partner of EPLP and as the sole general partner of EPLP, Essex has exclusive control of EPLP's day-to-day management.

The Company is structured as an umbrella partnership REIT (“UPREIT”) and Essex contributes all net proceeds from its various equity offerings to the Operating Partnership. In return for those contributions, Essex receives a number of OP Units (see definition below) in the Operating Partnership equal to the number of shares of common stock it has issued in the equity offering. Contributions of properties to the Company can be structured as tax-deferred transactions through the issuance of OP Units in the Operating Partnership, which is one of the reasons why the Company is structured in the manner outlined above. Based on the terms of EPLP's partnership agreement, OP Units can be exchanged with Essex common stock on a one-for-one basis. The Company maintains a one-for-one relationship between the OP Units of the Operating Partnership issued to Essex and shares of common stock.

The Company believes that combining the reports on Form 10-Q of Essex and EPLP into this single report provides the following benefits:

- enhances investors' understanding of the Company and the Operating Partnership by enabling investors to view the business as a whole in the same manner as management views and operates the business;
- eliminates duplicative disclosure and provides a more streamlined and readable presentation since a substantial portion of the disclosure applies to both the Company and the Operating Partnership; and
- creates time and cost efficiencies through the preparation of one combined report instead of two separate reports

Management operates the Company and the Operating Partnership as one business. The management of Essex consists of the same members as the management of EPLP.

All of the Company's property ownership, development and related business operations are conducted through the Operating Partnership and Essex has no material assets, other than its investment in EPLP. Essex's primary function is acting as the general partner of EPLP. As general partner with control of the Operating Partnership, the Company consolidates the Operating Partnership for financial reporting purposes. Therefore, the assets and liabilities of the Company and the Operating Partnership are the same on their respective financial statements. Essex also issues equity from time to time and guarantees certain debt of EPLP, as disclosed in this report. The Operating Partnership holds substantially all of the assets of the Company, including the Company's ownership interests in its joint ventures. The Operating Partnership conducts the operations of the business and is structured as a partnership with no publicly traded equity. Except for the net proceeds from equity offerings by the Company, which are contributed to the capital of the Operating Partnership in exchange for additional limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership (“OP Units”) (on a one-for-one share of common stock per OP Unit basis), the Operating Partnership generates all remaining capital required by the Company's business. These sources include the Operating Partnership's working capital, net cash provided by operating activities, borrowings under its revolving credit facilities, the issuance of secured and unsecured debt and equity securities and proceeds received from disposition of certain properties and joint ventures.

The Company believes it is important to understand the few differences between Essex and EPLP in the context of how Essex and EPLP operate as a consolidated company. Stockholders' equity, partners' capital and noncontrolling interest are the main areas of difference between the consolidated financial statements of the Company and those of the Operating Partnership. The limited partners of the Operating Partnership are accounted for as partners' capital in the Operating Partnership's consolidated financial statements and as noncontrolling interest in Essex's consolidated financial statements. The noncontrolling interest in the Operating Partnership's consolidated financial statements include the interest of unaffiliated partners in various consolidated partnerships and joint venture partners. The noncontrolling interest in the Company's consolidated financial statements include (i) the same noncontrolling interest as presented in the Operating Partnership's consolidated financial statements and (ii) limited partner OP Unitholders of the Operating Partnership. The differences between stockholders' equity and partners' capital result from differences in the equity issued at the Company and Operating Partnership levels.

To help investors understand the significant differences between the Company and the Operating Partnership, this report provides separate consolidated financial statements for the Company and the Operating Partnership; a single set of consolidated notes to such financial statements that includes separate discussions of stockholders' equity or partners' capital, and earnings per share/unit, as applicable; and a combined Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

This report also includes separate Part I, Item 4. Controls and Procedures sections and separate Exhibits 31 and 32 certifications for each of the Company and the Operating Partnership in order to establish that the requisite certifications have been made and that the Company and the Operating Partnership are compliant with Rule 13a-15 or Rule 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. §1350.

In order to highlight the differences between the Company and the Operating Partnership, the separate sections in this report for the Company and the Operating Partnership specifically refer to the Company and the Operating Partnership. In the sections that combine disclosure of the Company and the Operating Partnership, this report refers to actions or holdings as being actions or holdings of the Company. Although the Operating Partnership is generally the entity that directly or indirectly enters into contracts and joint ventures and holds assets and debt, reference to the Company is appropriate because the Company is one business and the Company operates that business through the Operating Partnership. The separate discussions of the Company and the Operating Partnership in this report should be read in conjunction with each other to understand the results of the Company on a consolidated basis and how management operates the Company.

The information furnished in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, statements of income and comprehensive income, equity, capital, and cash flows of the Company and the Operating Partnership reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the aforementioned condensed consolidated financial statements for the interim periods and are normal and recurring in nature, except as otherwise noted.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to such unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations herein. Additionally, these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 .

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# Part I – Financial Information

## Item 1. Condensed Financial Statements

### ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

|                                                                                                                                        | <b>ASSETS</b>                 |    | <b>June 30, 2015</b> | <b>December 31, 2014</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Real estate:                                                                                                                           |                               |    |                      |                          |
| Rental properties:                                                                                                                     |                               |    |                      |                          |
| Land and land improvements                                                                                                             |                               | \$ | 2,569,733            | \$ 2,424,930             |
| Buildings and improvements                                                                                                             |                               |    | 9,700,056            | 8,819,751                |
|                                                                                                                                        |                               |    | 12,269,789           | 11,244,681               |
| Less accumulated depreciation                                                                                                          |                               |    | (1,758,887)          | (1,564,806)              |
|                                                                                                                                        |                               |    | 10,510,902           | 9,679,875                |
| Real estate under development                                                                                                          |                               |    | 220,911              | 429,096                  |
| Co-investments                                                                                                                         |                               |    | 1,044,208            | 1,042,423                |
| Real estate held for sale, net                                                                                                         |                               |    | —                    | 56,300                   |
|                                                                                                                                        |                               |    | 11,776,021           | 11,207,694               |
| Cash and cash equivalents-unrestricted                                                                                                 |                               |    | 30,242               | 25,610                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents-restricted                                                                                                   |                               |    | 34,910               | 70,139                   |
| Marketable securities and other investments                                                                                            |                               |    | 121,244              | 117,240                  |
| Notes and other receivables                                                                                                            |                               |    | 25,676               | 24,923                   |
| Acquired in place lease value                                                                                                          |                               |    | 25,907               | 47,748                   |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                                                                                                      |                               |    | 31,004               | 33,378                   |
| Total assets                                                                                                                           |                               | \$ | 12,045,004           | \$ 11,526,732            |
|                                                                                                                                        |                               |    |                      |                          |
|                                                                                                                                        | <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> |    |                      |                          |
| Mortgage notes payable, net                                                                                                            |                               | \$ | 2,247,463            | \$ 2,234,317             |
| Unsecured debt, net                                                                                                                    |                               |    | 3,093,106            | 2,603,548                |
| Lines of credit, net                                                                                                                   |                               |    | 28,762               | 242,824                  |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                                                                               |                               |    | 146,251              | 135,162                  |
| Construction payable                                                                                                                   |                               |    | 26,596               | 30,892                   |
| Dividends payable                                                                                                                      |                               |    | 99,687               | 88,221                   |
| Other liabilities                                                                                                                      |                               |    | 34,669               | 32,444                   |
| Total liabilities                                                                                                                      |                               |    | 5,676,534            | 5,367,408                |
| Commitments and contingencies                                                                                                          |                               |    |                      |                          |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest                                                                                                     |                               |    | 23,830               | 23,256                   |
| Equity:                                                                                                                                |                               |    |                      |                          |
| Common stock; \$0.0001 par value, 656,020,000 shares authorized; 65,042,681 and 63,682,646 shares issued and outstanding, respectively |                               |    | 6                    | 6                        |
| Cumulative redeemable 7.125% Series H preferred stock at liquidation value                                                             |                               |    | 73,750               | 73,750                   |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                                                             |                               |    | 6,941,629            | 6,651,165                |
| Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings                                                                                        |                               |    | (731,181)            | (650,797)                |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net                                                                                              |                               |    | (50,152)             | (51,452)                 |
| Total stockholders' equity                                                                                                             |                               |    | 6,234,052            | 6,022,672                |
| Noncontrolling interest                                                                                                                |                               |    | 110,588              | 113,396                  |
| Total equity                                                                                                                           |                               |    | 6,344,640            | 6,136,068                |
| Total liabilities and equity                                                                                                           |                               | \$ | 12,045,004           | \$ 11,526,732            |



See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|                                                                 | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |                   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                 | 2015                           | 2014              | 2015                         | 2014              |
| Revenues:                                                       |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Rental and other property                                       | \$ 294,101                     | \$ 256,952        | \$ 574,330                   | \$ 416,302        |
| Management and other fees from affiliates                       | 2,061                          | 2,836             | 4,705                        | 4,495             |
|                                                                 | <u>296,162</u>                 | <u>259,788</u>    | <u>579,035</u>               | <u>420,797</u>    |
| Expenses:                                                       |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Property operating, excluding real estate taxes                 | 57,400                         | 53,213            | 113,019                      | 90,180            |
| Real estate taxes                                               | 32,677                         | 30,345            | 64,229                       | 45,684            |
| Depreciation and amortization                                   | 113,731                        | 101,292           | 220,638                      | 151,604           |
| General and administrative                                      | 9,549                          | 9,558             | 20,094                       | 17,141            |
| Merger and integration expenses                                 | 1,410                          | 26,497            | 3,798                        | 42,556            |
| Acquisition costs                                               | 429                            | 529               | 976                          | 717               |
|                                                                 | <u>215,196</u>                 | <u>221,434</u>    | <u>422,754</u>               | <u>347,882</u>    |
| Earnings from operations                                        | 80,966                         | 38,354            | 156,281                      | 72,915            |
| Interest expense                                                | (50,802)                       | (42,151)          | (98,348)                     | (71,192)          |
| Interest and other income                                       | 3,254                          | 2,814             | 7,453                        | 5,693             |
| Equity income in co-investments                                 | 4,472                          | 5,629             | 8,783                        | 16,155            |
| Gains on sale of real estate and land                           | —                              | —                 | 7,112                        | 7,481             |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investment                          | 12,652                         | —                 | 34,014                       | —                 |
| Net income                                                      | <u>50,542</u>                  | <u>4,646</u>      | <u>115,295</u>               | <u>31,052</u>     |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest              | <u>(3,674)</u>                 | <u>(2,125)</u>    | <u>(7,750)</u>               | <u>(5,251)</u>    |
| Net income attributable to controlling interest                 | 46,868                         | 2,521             | 107,545                      | 25,801            |
| Dividends to preferred stockholders                             | <u>(1,313)</u>                 | <u>(1,314)</u>    | <u>(2,627)</u>               | <u>(2,682)</u>    |
| Net income available to common stockholders                     | <u>\$ 45,555</u>               | <u>\$ 1,207</u>   | <u>\$ 104,918</u>            | <u>\$ 23,119</u>  |
| Comprehensive income                                            | <u>\$ 51,287</u>               | <u>\$ 7,306</u>   | <u>\$ 116,639</u>            | <u>\$ 38,035</u>  |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest    | <u>(3,703)</u>                 | <u>(2,184)</u>    | <u>(7,794)</u>               | <u>(5,556)</u>    |
| Comprehensive income attributable to controlling interest       | <u>\$ 47,584</u>               | <u>\$ 5,122</u>   | <u>\$ 108,845</u>            | <u>\$ 32,479</u>  |
| Per share data:                                                 |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Basic:                                                          |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Net income available to common stockholders                     | <u>\$ 0.70</u>                 | <u>\$ 0.02</u>    | <u>\$ 1.63</u>               | <u>\$ 0.46</u>    |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period | <u>64,810,184</u>              | <u>61,884,963</u> | <u>64,499,545</u>            | <u>49,857,233</u> |
| Diluted:                                                        |                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Net income available to common stockholders                     | <u>\$ 0.70</u>                 | <u>\$ 0.02</u>    | <u>\$ 1.62</u>               | <u>\$ 0.46</u>    |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period | <u>64,972,852</u>              | <u>62,059,762</u> | <u>64,677,521</u>            | <u>50,087,161</u> |
| Dividend per common share                                       | <u>\$ 1.44</u>                 | <u>\$ 1.30</u>    | <u>\$ 2.88</u>               | <u>\$ 2.51</u>    |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Equity for the six months ended June 30, 2015  
(Unaudited)  
(Dollars and shares in thousands)

|                                                                                   | <b>Series H<br/>Preferred stock</b> |                 | <b>Common stock</b> |               | <b>Additional<br/>paid-in<br/>capital</b> | <b>Distributions<br/>in excess of<br/>accumulated<br/>earnings</b> | <b>Accumulated<br/>other<br/>comprehensive<br/>loss, net</b> | <b>Noncontrolling<br/>Interest</b> | <b>Total</b>       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                   | <b>Shares</b>                       | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Shares</b>       | <b>Amount</b> |                                           |                                                                    |                                                              |                                    |                    |
| Balances at December 31, 2014                                                     | 2,950                               | \$73,750        | 63,683              | \$ 6          | \$6,651,165                               | \$ (650,797)                                                       | \$ (51,452)                                                  | \$ 113,396                         | \$6,136,068        |
| Net income                                                                        | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | —                                         | 107,545                                                            | —                                                            | 7,750                              | 115,295            |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and amortization of swap settlements          | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | —                                         | —                                                                  | 3,354                                                        | 111                                | 3,465              |
| Change in fair value of marketable securities                                     | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | —                                         | —                                                                  | (2,054)                                                      | (67)                               | (2,121)            |
| Issuance of common stock under:                                                   |                                     |                 |                     |               |                                           |                                                                    |                                                              |                                    |                    |
| Stock option and restricted stock plans                                           | —                                   | —               | 140                 | —             | 18,346                                    | —                                                                  | —                                                            | —                                  | 18,346             |
| Sale of common stock                                                              | —                                   | —               | 1,220               | —             | 272,664                                   | —                                                                  | —                                                            | —                                  | 272,664            |
| Equity based compensation costs                                                   | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | 1,921                                     | —                                                                  | —                                                            | 1,536                              | 3,457              |
| Reclassification of noncontrolling interest to redeemable noncontrolling interest | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | —                                         | —                                                                  | —                                                            | (144)                              | (144)              |
| Changes in the redemption value of redeemable noncontrolling interest             | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | (384)                                     | —                                                                  | —                                                            | —                                  | (384)              |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interest                                          | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | —                                         | —                                                                  | —                                                            | (11,589)                           | (11,589)           |
| Redemptions of noncontrolling interest                                            | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | (2,083)                                   | —                                                                  | —                                                            | (405)                              | (2,488)            |
| Common and preferred stock dividends                                              | —                                   | —               | —                   | —             | —                                         | (187,929)                                                          | —                                                            | —                                  | (187,929)          |
| Balances at June 30, 2015                                                         | <u>2,950</u>                        | <u>\$73,750</u> | <u>65,043</u>       | <u>\$ 6</u>   | <u>\$6,941,629</u>                        | <u>\$ (731,181)</u>                                                | <u>\$ (50,152)</u>                                           | <u>\$ 110,588</u>                  | <u>\$6,344,640</u> |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

|                                                                                   | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                   | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Cash flows from operating activities:                                             |                                      |             |
| Net income                                                                        | \$ 115,295                           | \$ 31,052   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                      |             |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                     | 220,638                              | 151,604     |
| Amortization of discount on marketable securities                                 | (5,777)                              | (3,965)     |
| Amortization of (premium) discount and debt financing costs, net                  | (11,125)                             | (846)       |
| Gain on sale of marketable securities                                             | —                                    | (886)       |
| Company's share of gain on the sales of co-investment                             | (469)                                | (3,211)     |
| Earnings from co-investments                                                      | (8,314)                              | (12,944)    |
| Operating distributions from co-investments                                       | 14,804                               | 12,091      |
| Gains on the sales of real estate and land                                        | (7,112)                              | (7,481)     |
| Non cash merger and integration expenses                                          | —                                    | 7,562       |
| Equity-based compensation                                                         | 3,457                                | 3,625       |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investments                                           | (34,014)                             | —           |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                      |                                      |             |
| Prepaid expense, receivables and other assets                                     | (6,646)                              | 2,425       |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                          | 4,924                                | 9,299       |
| Other liabilities                                                                 | 1,387                                | 665         |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                         | 287,048                              | 188,990     |
| Cash flows from investing activities:                                             |                                      |             |
| Additions to real estate:                                                         |                                      |             |
| Acquisitions of real estate and acquisition related capital expenditures          | (314,890)                            | (108,820)   |
| Redevelopment                                                                     | (41,796)                             | (31,470)    |
| Development acquisitions of and additions to real estate under development        | (122,377)                            | (58,899)    |
| Capital expenditures on rental properties                                         | (24,673)                             | (13,710)    |
| Acquisition of membership interest in co-investments                              | (115,724)                            | —           |
| Proceeds from insurance for property losses                                       | 11,735                               | 10,000      |
| Proceeds from dispositions of real estate                                         | 74,485                               | 14,123      |
| BRE merger consideration paid                                                     | —                                    | (555,826)   |
| Proceeds from dispositions of co-investments                                      | 11,072                               | 13,900      |
| Contributions to co-investments                                                   | (97,512)                             | (58,029)    |
| Changes in restricted cash and refundable deposits                                | 49,808                               | (3,606)     |
| Purchases of marketable securities                                                | (7,250)                              | (14,341)    |
| Sales and maturities of marketable securities                                     | 1,968                                | 5,192       |
| Collections of notes and other receivables                                        | —                                    | 56,750      |
| Non-operating distributions from co-investments                                   | —                                    | 8,599       |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                             | (575,154)                            | (736,137)   |
| Cash flows from financing activities:                                             |                                      |             |
| Borrowings under debt agreements                                                  | 923,431                              | 1,321,044   |
| Repayment of debt                                                                 | (730,712)                            | (1,077,210) |
| Additions to deferred charges                                                     | (4,456)                              | (16,401)    |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock                                        | 272,664                              | 278,334     |
| Net proceeds from stock options exercises                                         | 18,346                               | 5,503       |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interest                                          | (11,033)                             | (7,510)     |
| Redemption of noncontrolling interest                                             | (2,488)                              | (2,550)     |
| Common and preferred stock dividends paid                                         | (177,019)                            | (94,961)    |

|                                           |                |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net cash provided by financing activities | <u>288,733</u> | <u>406,249</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|

|                                                                                                                                    | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                                                                                    | 2015                         | 2014                  |
| Cash acquired from the BRE merger                                                                                                  | —                            | 140,353               |
| Cash acquired in consolidation of co-investment                                                                                    | 4,005                        | —                     |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                                                                               | 4,632                        | (545)                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                                                                                   | 25,610                       | 18,491                |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                                                                                         | <u>\$ 30,242</u>             | <u>\$ 17,946</u>      |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:                                                                                  |                              |                       |
| Cash paid for interest, net of \$8.3 million and \$11.7 million capitalized in 2015 and 2014, respectively                         | <u>\$ 86,347</u>             | <u>\$ 44,437</u>      |
| Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:                                                             |                              |                       |
| Issuance of Operating Partnership units for contributed properties                                                                 | <u>\$ —</u>                  | <u>\$ 1,419,816</u>   |
| Retirement of Operating Partnership units                                                                                          | <u>\$ —</u>                  | <u>\$ (1,419,816)</u> |
| Transfer from real estate under development to rental properties                                                                   | <u>\$ 300,751</u>            | <u>\$ 4,580</u>       |
| Transfer from real estate under development to co-investments                                                                      | <u>\$ 3,780</u>              | <u>\$ 49,776</u>      |
| Reclassifications of and changes in redeemable noncontrolling interest from additional paid in capital and noncontrolling interest | <u>\$ 574</u>                | <u>\$ 18,766</u>      |
| Debt assumed in connection with acquisition of co-investment                                                                       | <u>\$ 114,435</u>            | <u>\$ —</u>           |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except unit amounts)

|                                                                                      | <u>June 30, 2015</u> | <u>December 31, 2014</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>                                                                 |                      |                          |
| Real estate:                                                                         |                      |                          |
| Rental properties:                                                                   |                      |                          |
| Land and land improvements                                                           | \$ 2,569,733         | \$ 2,424,930             |
| Buildings and improvements                                                           | 9,700,056            | 8,819,751                |
|                                                                                      | <u>12,269,789</u>    | <u>11,244,681</u>        |
| Less accumulated depreciation                                                        | (1,758,887)          | (1,564,806)              |
|                                                                                      | <u>10,510,902</u>    | <u>9,679,875</u>         |
| Real estate under development                                                        | 220,911              | 429,096                  |
| Co-investments                                                                       | 1,044,208            | 1,042,423                |
| Real estate held for sale, net                                                       | —                    | 56,300                   |
|                                                                                      | <u>11,776,021</u>    | <u>11,207,694</u>        |
| Cash and cash equivalents-unrestricted                                               | 30,242               | 25,610                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents-restricted                                                 | 34,910               | 70,139                   |
| Marketable securities and other investments                                          | 121,244              | 117,240                  |
| Notes and other receivables                                                          | 25,676               | 24,923                   |
| Acquired in place lease value                                                        | 25,907               | 47,748                   |
| Prepaid expenses and other asset                                                     | 31,004               | 33,378                   |
| Total assets                                                                         | <u>\$ 12,045,004</u> | <u>\$ 11,526,732</u>     |
| <b><u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</u></b>                                                |                      |                          |
| Mortgage notes payable, net                                                          | \$ 2,247,463         | \$ 2,234,317             |
| Unsecured debt, net                                                                  | 3,093,106            | 2,603,548                |
| Lines of credit, net                                                                 | 28,762               | 242,824                  |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                             | 146,251              | 135,162                  |
| Construction payable                                                                 | 26,596               | 30,892                   |
| Distributions payable                                                                | 99,687               | 88,221                   |
| Other liabilities                                                                    | 34,669               | 32,444                   |
| Total liabilities                                                                    | <u>5,676,534</u>     | <u>5,367,408</u>         |
| Commitments and contingencies                                                        |                      |                          |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest                                                   | 23,830               | 23,256                   |
| Capital:                                                                             |                      |                          |
| General Partner:                                                                     |                      |                          |
| Common equity (65,042,681 and 63,682,646 units issued and outstanding, respectively) | 6,212,995            | 6,002,915                |
| Series H 7.125% Preferred interest (liquidation value of \$73,750)                   | 71,209               | 71,209                   |
|                                                                                      | <u>6,284,204</u>     | <u>6,074,124</u>         |
| Limited Partners:                                                                    |                      |                          |
| Common equity (2,181,076 and 2,168,158 units issued and outstanding, respectively)   | 46,963               | 48,665                   |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss                                                 | (48,012)             | (49,356)                 |
| Total partners' capital                                                              | <u>6,283,155</u>     | <u>6,073,433</u>         |
| Noncontrolling interest                                                              | 61,485               | 62,635                   |
| Total capital                                                                        | <u>6,344,640</u>     | <u>6,136,068</u>         |
| Total liabilities and capital                                                        | <u>\$ 12,045,004</u> | <u>\$ 11,526,732</u>     |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.





**ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands, except unit and per unit amounts)

|                                                                       | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                   | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                       | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b>       | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b>       |
| Revenues:                                                             |                                        |                   |                                      |                   |
| Rental and other property                                             | \$ 294,101                             | \$ 256,952        | \$ 574,330                           | \$ 416,302        |
| Management and other fees from affiliates                             | 2,061                                  | 2,836             | 4,705                                | 4,495             |
|                                                                       | <u>296,162</u>                         | <u>259,788</u>    | <u>579,035</u>                       | <u>420,797</u>    |
| Expenses:                                                             |                                        |                   |                                      |                   |
| Property operating, excluding real estate taxes                       | 57,400                                 | 53,213            | 113,019                              | 90,180            |
| Real estate taxes                                                     | 32,677                                 | 30,345            | 64,229                               | 45,684            |
| Depreciation and amortization                                         | 113,731                                | 101,292           | 220,638                              | 151,604           |
| General and administrative                                            | 9,549                                  | 9,558             | 20,094                               | 17,141            |
| Merger and integration expenses                                       | 1,410                                  | 26,497            | 3,798                                | 42,556            |
| Acquisition costs                                                     | 429                                    | 529               | 976                                  | 717               |
|                                                                       | <u>215,196</u>                         | <u>221,434</u>    | <u>422,754</u>                       | <u>347,882</u>    |
| Earnings from operations                                              | 80,966                                 | 38,354            | 156,281                              | 72,915            |
| Interest expense                                                      | (50,802)                               | (42,151)          | (98,348)                             | (71,192)          |
| Interest and other income                                             | 3,254                                  | 2,814             | 7,453                                | 5,693             |
| Equity income in co-investments                                       | 4,472                                  | 5,629             | 8,783                                | 16,155            |
| Gains on sale of real estate and land                                 | —                                      | —                 | 7,112                                | 7,481             |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investment                                | 12,652                                 | —                 | 34,014                               | —                 |
| Net income                                                            | <u>50,542</u>                          | <u>4,646</u>      | <u>115,295</u>                       | <u>31,052</u>     |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest                    | <u>(2,141)</u>                         | <u>(1,916)</u>    | <u>(4,106)</u>                       | <u>(3,625)</u>    |
| Net income attributable to controlling interest                       | 48,401                                 | 2,730             | 111,189                              | 27,427            |
| Preferred interest distributions                                      | <u>(1,313)</u>                         | <u>(1,314)</u>    | <u>(2,627)</u>                       | <u>(2,682)</u>    |
| Net income available to common unitholders                            | <u>\$ 47,088</u>                       | <u>\$ 1,416</u>   | <u>\$ 108,562</u>                    | <u>\$ 24,745</u>  |
| Comprehensive income                                                  | <u>\$ 51,287</u>                       | <u>\$ 7,306</u>   | <u>\$ 116,639</u>                    | <u>\$ 38,035</u>  |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest          | <u>(2,141)</u>                         | <u>(1,916)</u>    | <u>(4,106)</u>                       | <u>(3,625)</u>    |
| Comprehensive income attributable to controlling interest             | <u>\$ 49,146</u>                       | <u>\$ 5,390</u>   | <u>\$ 112,533</u>                    | <u>\$ 34,410</u>  |
| Per unit data:                                                        |                                        |                   |                                      |                   |
| Basic:                                                                |                                        |                   |                                      |                   |
| Net income available to common unitholders                            | \$ 0.70                                | \$ 0.02           | \$ 1.63                              | \$ 0.47           |
| Weighted average number of common units outstanding during the period | <u>66,992,209</u>                      | <u>64,058,505</u> | <u>66,682,708</u>                    | <u>52,127,261</u> |
| Diluted:                                                              |                                        |                   |                                      |                   |
| Net income available to common unitholders                            | \$ 0.70                                | \$ 0.02           | \$ 1.62                              | \$ 0.47           |
| Weighted average number of common units outstanding during the period | <u>67,154,877</u>                      | <u>64,233,304</u> | <u>66,860,684</u>                    | <u>52,357,189</u> |
| Distribution per common unit                                          | <u>\$ 1.44</u>                         | <u>\$ 1.30</u>    | <u>\$ 2.88</u>                       | <u>\$ 2.51</u>    |

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**ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Capital for the six months ended June 30, 2015

(Dollars and units in thousands)

(Unaudited)

|                                                                                            | General Partner |             |                  | Limited Partners |           | Accumulated                    | Noncontrolling<br>Interest | Total        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                            | Common Equity   |             | Preferred        | Common Equity    |           | Other                          |                            |              |
|                                                                                            | Units           | Amount      | Equity<br>Amount | Units            | Amount    | Comprehensive<br>(Loss) Income |                            |              |
| Balances at December 31, 2014                                                              | 63,683          | \$6,002,915 | \$ 71,209        | 2,168            | \$ 48,665 | \$ (49,356)                    | \$ 62,635                  | \$ 6,136,068 |
| Net income                                                                                 | —               | 104,918     | 2,627            | —                | 3,644     | —                              | 4,106                      | 115,295      |
| Change in fair value of<br>derivatives and amortization of<br>swap settlements             | —               | —           | —                | —                | —         | 3,465                          | —                          | 3,465        |
| Change in fair value of<br>marketable securities                                           | —               | —           | —                | —                | —         | (2,121)                        | —                          | (2,121)      |
| Issuance of common units<br>under:                                                         |                 |             |                  |                  |           |                                |                            |              |
| General partner's stock based<br>compensation                                              | 140             | 18,346      | —                | 17               | 1,536     | —                              | —                          | 19,882       |
| Sale of common stock by<br>general partner                                                 | 1,220           | 272,664     | —                | —                | —         | —                              | —                          | 272,664      |
| Equity based compensation<br>costs                                                         | —               | 1,921       | —                | —                | —         | —                              | —                          | 1,921        |
| Changes in redemption value of<br>redeemable noncontrolling<br>interest                    | —               | (384)       | —                | —                | —         | —                              | —                          | (384)        |
| Reclassification of<br>noncontrolling interest to<br>redeemable noncontrolling<br>interest | —               | —           | —                | —                | —         | —                              | (144)                      | (144)        |
| Distributions to noncontrolling<br>interest                                                | —               | —           | —                | —                | —         | —                              | (5,112)                    | (5,112)      |
| Redemptions                                                                                | —               | (2,083)     | —                | (4)              | (405)     | —                              | —                          | (2,488)      |
| Distributions declared                                                                     | —               | (185,302)   | (2,627)          | —                | (6,477)   | —                              | —                          | (194,406)    |
| Balances at June 30, 2015                                                                  | 65,043          | \$6,212,995 | \$ 71,209        | 2,181            | \$ 46,963 | \$ (48,012)                    | \$ 61,485                  | \$ 6,344,640 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

|                                                                                   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                   | 2015                         | 2014        |
| Cash flows from operating activities:                                             |                              |             |
| Net income                                                                        | \$ 115,295                   | \$ 31,052   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                              |             |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                     | 220,638                      | 151,604     |
| Amortization of discount on marketable securities                                 | (5,777)                      | (3,965)     |
| Amortization of (premium) discount and debt financing costs, net                  | (11,125)                     | (846)       |
| Gain on sale of marketable securities                                             | —                            | (886)       |
| Company's share of gain on the sales of co-investment                             | (469)                        | (3,211)     |
| Earnings from co-investments                                                      | (8,314)                      | (12,944)    |
| Operating distributions from co-investments                                       | 14,804                       | 12,091      |
| Gain on the sales of real estate and land                                         | (7,112)                      | (7,481)     |
| Non cash merger and integration expenses                                          | —                            | 7,562       |
| Equity-based compensation                                                         | 3,457                        | 3,625       |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investments                                           | (34,014)                     | —           |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                      |                              |             |
| Prepaid expense, in-place lease value, receivables and other assets               | (6,646)                      | 2,425       |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                          | 4,924                        | 9,299       |
| Other liabilities                                                                 | 1,387                        | 665         |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                         | 287,048                      | 188,990     |
| Cash flows from investing activities:                                             |                              |             |
| Additions to real estate:                                                         |                              |             |
| Acquisitions of real estate and acquisition related capital expenditures          | (314,890)                    | (108,820)   |
| Redevelopment                                                                     | (41,796)                     | (31,470)    |
| Development acquisitions of and additions to real estate under development        | (122,377)                    | (58,899)    |
| Capital expenditures on rental properties                                         | (24,673)                     | (13,710)    |
| Acquisition of membership interest in co-investments                              | (115,724)                    | —           |
| Proceeds from insurance for property losses                                       | 11,735                       | 10,000      |
| Proceeds from dispositions of real estate                                         | 74,485                       | 14,123      |
| BRE merger cash consideration paid                                                | —                            | (555,826)   |
| Proceeds from dispositions of co-investments                                      | 11,072                       | 13,900      |
| Contributions to co-investments                                                   | (97,512)                     | (58,029)    |
| Changes in restricted cash and refundable deposits                                | 49,808                       | (3,606)     |
| Purchases of marketable securities                                                | (7,250)                      | (14,341)    |
| Sales and maturities of marketable securities                                     | 1,968                        | 5,192       |
| Collections of notes and other receivables                                        | —                            | 56,750      |
| Non-operating distributions from co-investments                                   | —                            | 8,599       |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                             | (575,154)                    | (736,137)   |
| Cash flows from financing activities:                                             |                              |             |
| Borrowings under debt agreements                                                  | 923,431                      | 1,321,044   |
| Repayment of debt                                                                 | (730,712)                    | (1,077,210) |
| Additions to deferred charges                                                     | (4,456)                      | (16,401)    |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common units                                        | 272,664                      | 278,334     |
| Net proceeds from stock options exercises                                         | 18,346                       | 5,503       |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interest                                          | (4,884)                      | (2,045)     |
| Redemption of noncontrolling interest                                             | (2,488)                      | (414)       |
| Common and preferred units and preferred interest distributions paid              | (183,168)                    | (102,562)   |

Net cash provided by financing activities

288,733

406,249

|                                                                                                                      | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                                                                                      | 2015                         | 2014             |
| Cash acquired from the BRE merger                                                                                    | —                            | 140,353          |
| Cash acquired in consolidation of co-investment                                                                      | 4,005                        | —                |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                                                                 | 4,632                        | (545)            |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                                                                     | 25,610                       | 18,491           |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                                                                           | <u>\$ 30,242</u>             | <u>\$ 17,946</u> |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:                                                                    |                              |                  |
| Cash paid for interest, net of \$8.3 million and \$11.7 million capitalized in 2015 and 2014, respectively           | \$ 86,347                    | \$ 44,437        |
| Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:                                               |                              |                  |
| Issuance of Operating Partnership units for contributed properties                                                   | \$ —                         | \$ 1,419,816     |
| Retirement of Operating Partnership units                                                                            | \$ —                         | \$ (1,419,816)   |
| Transfer from real estate under development to rental properties                                                     | \$ 300,751                   | \$ 4,580         |
| Transfer from real estate under development to co-investments                                                        | \$ 3,780                     | \$ 47,776        |
| Reclassification of and changes in redeemable noncontrolling interest from common equity and noncontrolling interest | \$ 574                       | \$ 18,766        |
| Debt assumed in connection with acquisition of co-investment                                                         | <u>\$ 114,435</u>            | <u>\$ —</u>      |

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**(1) Organization and Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements present the accounts of Essex Property Trust, Inc. ("Essex" or the "Company"), which include the accounts of the Company and Essex Portfolio, L.P. and subsidiaries (the "Operating Partnership," which holds the operating assets of the Company), prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented have been included and are normal and recurring in nature. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the condensed consolidated financial statements. Certain reclassifications have been made to conform to the current year's presentation.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 include the accounts of the Company and the Operating Partnership. Essex is the sole general partner in the Operating Partnership, with a 96.8% general partnership interest as of June 30, 2015. Total Operating Partnership limited partnership units outstanding were 2,181,076 and 2,168,158 as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and the redemption value of the units, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock totaled \$463.5 million and \$447.9 million, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

As of June 30, 2015, the Company owned or had ownership interests in 245 apartment communities, aggregating 58,768 units, excluding the Company's ownership in preferred interest co-investments, (collectively, the "Communities", and individually, a "Community"), four commercial buildings and nine active developments (collectively, the "Portfolio"). The Communities are located in Southern California (primarily Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Ventura counties), Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area) and the Seattle metropolitan areas.

***New Accounting Pronouncements***

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02 "Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis," which provides new consolidation guidance and makes changes to both the variable interest model and the voting model. Among other changes, the new standard specifically eliminates the presumption in the current voting model that a general partner controls a limited partnership or similar entity unless that presumption can be overcome. Generally, only a single limited partner that is able to exercise substantive kick-out rights will consolidate. The new standard will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2016 and early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The new standard must be applied using a modified retrospective approach by recording a cumulative-effect adjustment to equity/capital as of the beginning of the period of adoption or retrospectively to each period presented. The Company has not yet selected a transition method and is currently evaluating the impact of adopting the new standard on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03 "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs," which requires companies to present debt financing costs as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the associated debt liability rather than as an asset, consistent with the presentation of debt discounts on the consolidated balance sheets. The new standard will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2016 and early adoption is permitted. The new standard must be applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the consolidated financial statements. The Company adopted this standard during the second quarter of 2015. This adoption resulted in a reclassification of \$32.1 million and \$29.4 million in debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization from an asset to a reduction to associated debt liabilities as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

***Marketable Securities***

The Company reports its available for sale securities at fair value, based on quoted market prices (Level 2 for the unsecured bonds and Level 1 for the common stock and investment funds, as defined by the Financial Accounting Standards Board

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("FASB") standard for fair value measurements), and any unrealized gain or loss is recorded as other comprehensive income (loss). Realized gains and losses, interest and dividend income, and amortization of purchase discounts are included in interest and other income on the condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, marketable securities consisted primarily of investment-grade unsecured bonds, common stock, investments in mortgage backed securities and investment funds that invest in US treasury or agency securities. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company classified its investments in mortgage backed securities, which mature through November 2019 and September 2020, as held to maturity, and accordingly, these securities are stated at their amortized cost. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, marketable securities consist of the following (\$ in thousands):

|                                                     | June 30, 2015     |                       |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                                                     | Amortized Cost    | Gross Unrealized Gain | Carrying Value    |
| <i>Available for sale:</i>                          |                   |                       |                   |
| Investment-grade unsecured bonds                    | \$ 8,746          | \$ 149                | \$ 8,895          |
| Investment funds - US treasuries                    | 3,769             | 6                     | 3,775             |
| Common stock and stock funds                        | 31,755            | 3,076                 | 34,831            |
| <i>Held to maturity:</i>                            |                   |                       |                   |
| Mortgage backed securities                          | 73,743            | —                     | 73,743            |
| Total - Marketable securities and other investments | <u>\$ 118,013</u> | <u>\$ 3,231</u>       | <u>\$ 121,244</u> |
|                                                     |                   |                       |                   |
|                                                     | December 31, 2014 |                       |                   |
|                                                     | Amortized Cost    | Gross Unrealized Gain | Carrying Value    |
| <i>Available for sale:</i>                          |                   |                       |                   |
| Investment-grade unsecured bonds                    | \$ 9,435          | \$ 145                | \$ 9,580          |
| Investment funds - US treasuries                    | 3,769             | 3                     | 3,772             |
| Common stock and stock funds                        | 25,755            | 5,137                 | 30,892            |
| <i>Held to maturity:</i>                            |                   |                       |                   |
| Mortgage backed securities                          | 67,996            | —                     | 67,996            |
| Total - marketable securities                       | <u>\$ 106,955</u> | <u>\$ 5,285</u>       | <u>\$ 112,240</u> |
| Other investments                                   | 5,000             | —                     | 5,000             |
| Total - Marketable securities and other investments | <u>\$ 111,955</u> | <u>\$ 5,285</u>       | <u>\$ 117,240</u> |

The Company uses the specific identification method to determine the cost basis of a security sold and to reclassify amounts from accumulated other comprehensive income for securities sold. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the proceeds from sales of available for sale securities totaled \$2.0 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, which resulted in no realized gains or losses and gains of \$0.9 million, respectively.

#### **Variable Interest Entities**

The Company consolidates 19 DownREIT limited partnerships (comprising twelve communities) since the Company is the primary beneficiary of these variable interest entities ("VIEs"). Total DownREIT units outstanding were 963,789 and 974,790 as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 respectively, and the redemption value of the units, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock totaled \$204.8 million and \$201.4 million, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The consolidated total assets and liabilities related to these VIEs, net of intercompany eliminations, were approximately \$236.5 million and \$207.9 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2015 and \$235.1 million and \$209.1 million,





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respectively, as of December 31, 2014 . Interest holders in VIEs consolidated by the Company are allocated income equal to the cash distributions made to those interest holders. The remaining results of operations are allocated to the Company. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 , the Company did not have any other VIEs of which it was deemed to be the primary beneficiary.

***Equity Based Compensation***

The Company accounts for equity based compensation using the fair value method of accounting. The estimated fair value of stock options granted by the Company is being amortized over the vesting period of the stock options. The estimated grant date fair values of the long term incentive plan units (discussed in Note 13, “Equity Based Compensation Plans,” in the Company’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 ) are being amortized over the expected service periods.

***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

Management believes that the carrying amounts of outstanding lines of credit, and notes and other receivables approximate fair value as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 , because interest rates, yields and other terms for these instruments are consistent with yields and other terms currently available for similar instruments. Management has estimated that the fair value of the Company’s \$4.8 billion of fixed rate debt, including unsecured bonds, at June 30, 2015 is approximately \$4.9 billion and the Company’s variable rate debt, excluding borrowings under the lines of credit, at June 30, 2015 approximates its fair value based on the terms of existing mortgage notes payable, unsecured bonds and variable rate demand notes compared to those available in the marketplace. Management believes that the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, construction payables, other liabilities and dividends payable approximate fair value as of June 30, 2015 due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. Marketable securities, except mortgage backed securities that are held to maturity, and derivatives are carried at fair value as of June 30, 2015 .

At June 30, 2015 , the Company’s investments in mortgage backed securities had a carrying value of \$73.7 million and the Company estimated the fair value to be approximately \$101.9 million . At December 31, 2014 , the Company’s investments in mortgage backed securities had a carrying value of \$68.0 million and the Company estimated the fair value to be approximately \$96.0 million . The Company determines the fair value of the mortgage backed securities based on unobservable inputs (level 3 of the fair value hierarchy) considering the assumptions that market participants would make in valuing these securities. Assumptions such as estimated default rates and discount rates are used to determine expected discounted cash flows to estimate the fair value.

***Capitalization of Costs***

The Company’s capitalized internal costs related to development and redevelopment projects were comprised primarily of employee compensation and totaled \$3.4 million and \$3.0 million during the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 , respectively, and \$5.4 million and \$4.7 million during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company capitalizes leasing commissions associated with the lease-up of a development community and amortizes the costs over the life of the leases. The amounts capitalized for leasing commissions are immaterial for all periods presented.

***Co-investments***

The Company owns investments in joint ventures (“co-investments”) in which it has significant influence, but its ownership interest does not meet the criteria for consolidation in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Therefore, the Company accounts for co-investments using the equity method of accounting. The equity method employs the accrual basis for recognizing the investor’s share of investee income or losses. In addition, distributions received from the investee are treated as a reduction in the investment account, not as income. The significant accounting policies of the Company’s co-investment entities are consistent with those of the Company in all material respects.

Upon the acquisition of a controlling interest of a co-investment, the co-investment entity is consolidated and a gain or loss is recognized upon the remeasurement of co-investments in the condensed consolidated statement of income equal to the amount by which the fair value of the co-investment interest the Company previously owned exceeds its carrying value. A majority of the co-investments, excluding the preferred equity investments, compensate the Company for its asset management services and may provide promote income if certain financial return benchmarks are achieved. Asset management fees are recognized when

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earned, and promote fees are recognized when the earnings events have occurred and the amount is determinable and collectible. Any promote fees are reflected in equity income in co-investments.

***Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net by Component***

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(in thousands)

|                                                                | Change in fair<br>value and<br>amortization<br>of derivatives | Unrealized<br>gains on<br>available for sale<br>securities | Total              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2014                                   | \$ (56,003)                                                   | \$ 4,551                                                   | \$ (51,452)        |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassification             | (2,461)                                                       | (2,054)                                                    | (4,515)            |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss | 5,815                                                         | —                                                          | 5,815              |
| Other comprehensive income                                     | 3,354                                                         | (2,054)                                                    | 1,300              |
| Balance at June 30, 2015                                       | <u>\$ (52,649)</u>                                            | <u>\$ 2,497</u>                                            | <u>\$ (50,152)</u> |

***Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, by Component***

*Essex Portfolio, L.P.*  
(in thousands):

|                                                                | Change in fair<br>value and<br>amortization<br>of derivatives | Unrealized<br>gains on<br>available for sale<br>securities | Total              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2014                                   | \$ (53,980)                                                   | \$ 4,624                                                   | \$ (49,356)        |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassification             | (2,546)                                                       | (2,121)                                                    | (4,667)            |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss | 6,011                                                         | —                                                          | 6,011              |
| Other comprehensive income                                     | 3,465                                                         | (2,121)                                                    | 1,344              |
| Balance at June 30, 2015                                       | <u>\$ (50,515)</u>                                            | <u>\$ 2,503</u>                                            | <u>\$ (48,012)</u> |

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss in connection with derivatives are recorded in interest expense on the condensed consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income. Realized gains and losses on available for sale securities are included in interest and other income on the condensed consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.

***Accounting Estimates***

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements, in accordance with GAAP, requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to acquiring, developing and assessing the carrying values of its real estate portfolio, its investments in and advances to joint ventures and affiliates, its notes receivables and its qualification as a Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT"). The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, current market conditions, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may vary from those estimates and those estimates could be different under different assumptions or conditions.

***BRE Merger***

The merger with BRE Properties, Inc. ("BRE") was a two step process. First, 14 of the BRE properties were acquired on March 31, 2014 in exchange for \$1.4 billion of OP units. The fair value of these properties was substantially all attributable to rental properties which included land, buildings and improvements, and real estate under development and approximately \$19 million



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was attributable to acquired in-place lease value. Second, the BRE merger was closed on April 1, 2014 in exchange for the total consideration of approximately \$4.3 billion. A summary of the fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired on April 1, 2014 was as follows (includes the 14 properties acquired on March 31, 2014 as the OP units issued were retired on April 1, 2014) (in millions):

|                                                     |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash assumed                                        | \$ 140   |
| Rental properties and real estate under development | 5,605    |
| Real estate held for sale, net                      | 108      |
| Co-investments                                      | 224      |
| Acquired in-place lease value                       | 77       |
| Other assets                                        | 16       |
| Mortgage notes payable and unsecured debt           | (1,747)  |
| Other liabilities                                   | (87)     |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest                  | (5)      |
|                                                     | \$ 4,331 |
|                                                     | \$ 4,331 |
| Cash consideration for BRE merger                   | \$ 556   |
| Equity consideration for BRE merger                 | 3,775    |
| Total consideration for BRE merger                  | \$ 4,331 |

During the quarter ended March 31, 2015, the Company recorded adjustments to decrease the preliminary fair value of real property by \$13.1 million, to increase the preliminary fair value of co-investments by \$6.0 million and to decrease its preliminary estimate for liabilities assumed by \$7.1 million. The changes in estimates were the result of subsequent additional information pertaining to the opening balance sheet identified by management. The Company believes that the information gathered to date provides a reasonable basis for estimating the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

## **(2) Significant Transactions During the Second Quarter of 2015 and Subsequent Events**

### **Significant Transactions**

#### **Acquisitions**

In April 2015, the Company purchased an additional 49.5% interest in Reveal, a 438 apartment community located in Woodland Hills, CA, from Wesco I, a related party in which the Company holds a 50.0% noncontrolling interest, for a contract price of \$73.0 million. As a result of the acquisition, the property is now consolidated and the Company recorded a gain of \$12.7 million to remeasure the portion of its investment in Wesco I related to Reveal at fair value. The gain is included in "Gain on remeasurement of co-investment" on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015.

In June 2015, the Company purchased Avant, a 247 apartment community, located in downtown Los Angeles, California, for \$99.0 million.

In June 2015, the Company made a \$10.0 million preferred equity investment in a related party limited liability company that owns Greentree Apartments, a 220 apartment community located in San Jose, CA. This investment will earn a 9.5% preferred return and is scheduled to mature in June 2022. (See Note 5 - "Related Party Transactions" for further discussion.)

In June 2015, the Company made a \$5.0 million preferred equity investment in a related party limited liability company that owns Sterling Cove Apartments, a 218 apartment community located in Concord, CA. This investment will earn a 9.5% preferred return and is scheduled to mature in June 2022. (See Note 5 - "Related Party Transactions" for further discussion.)

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**Common Stock**

During the second quarter, the Company issued 396,840 shares of common stock, through our equity distribution program, at an average price of \$223.59 for net proceeds of \$88.5 million .

During the third quarter through August 3, 2015, the Company did not sell any shares of common stock through its equity distribution program or through other means.

**Subsequent Events**

There were no material subsequent events.

**(3) Co-investments**

The Company has co-investments, which are accounted for under the equity method. The co-investments own, operate and develop apartment communities. The following table details the carrying value of Company's co-investments (in thousands):

|                                              | <u>June 30, 2015</u> | <u>December 31, 2014</u> |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Membership interest/Partnership interest in: |                      |                          |
| Wesco I and III                              | \$ 156,024           | \$ 188,853               |
| Fund II                                      | 228                  | 696                      |
| Expo                                         | 6,825                | 7,352                    |
| The Huxley                                   | —                    | 11,471                   |
| CPPIB                                        | 339,600              | 336,977                  |
| Wesco IV                                     | 65,720               | 67,937                   |
| BEXAEW                                       | 92,260               | 97,686                   |
| Palm Valley                                  | 69,494               | 70,186                   |
| Total operating co-investments               | <u>730,151</u>       | <u>781,158</u>           |
| Total development co-investments             | <u>194,442</u>       | <u>152,574</u>           |
| Total preferred interest co-investments      | <u>119,615</u>       | <u>108,691</u>           |
| Total co-investments                         | <u>\$ 1,044,208</u>  | <u>\$ 1,042,423</u>      |

The combined summarized financial information of co-investments are as follows (in thousands).

|                                                     | <u>June 30, 2015</u> | <u>December 31, 2014</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Combined balance sheets: <sup>(1)</sup>             |                      |                          |
| Rental properties and real estate under development | \$ 3,275,960         | \$ 3,426,574             |
| Other assets                                        | 110,690              | 107,902                  |
| Total assets                                        | <u>\$ 3,386,650</u>  | <u>\$ 3,534,476</u>      |
| Debt                                                | \$ 1,391,474         | \$ 1,568,398             |
| Other liabilities                                   | 95,386               | 91,579                   |
| Equity <sup>(1)</sup>                               | 1,899,790            | 1,874,499                |
| Total liabilities and equity                        | <u>\$ 3,386,650</u>  | <u>\$ 3,534,476</u>      |
| Company's share of equity                           | <u>\$ 1,044,208</u>  | <u>\$ 1,042,423</u>      |

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|                                                  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |           | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                  | 2015                           | 2014      | 2015                         | 2014      |
| Combined statements of income: <sup>(1)</sup>    |                                |           |                              |           |
| Property revenues                                | \$ 62,092                      | \$ 48,784 | \$ 125,589                   | \$ 76,744 |
| Property operating expenses                      | (23,184)                       | (18,556)  | (46,138)                     | (30,116)  |
| Net operating income                             | 38,908                         | 30,228    | 79,451                       | 46,628    |
| Gain on sale of real estate                      | —                              | —         | 14                           | 11,369    |
| Interest expense                                 | (11,097)                       | (9,422)   | (22,413)                     | (15,445)  |
| General and administrative                       | (1,473)                        | (1,811)   | (3,079)                      | (3,199)   |
| Equity income from co-investments <sup>(2)</sup> | —                              | 4,784     | —                            | 9,543     |
| Depreciation and amortization                    | (24,265)                       | (17,885)  | (49,646)                     | (28,578)  |
| Net income                                       | \$ 2,073                       | \$ 5,894  | \$ 4,327                     | \$ 20,318 |
| Company's share of net income <sup>(3)</sup>     | \$ 4,472                       | \$ 5,629  | \$ 8,783                     | \$ 16,155 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes preferred equity investments held by the Company.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents income from Wesco II's preferred equity investment in Park Merced.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes the Company's share of equity income from co-investments and preferred equity investments, gain on sales of co-investments, co-investment promote income and income from early redemption of preferred equity investments.

#### **(4) Notes and Other Receivables**

Notes receivable secured by real estate and other receivables consist of the following as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

|                                                                        | June 30, 2015    | December 31, 2014 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Notes receivable, secured, bearing interest at 6.0%, due December 2016 | \$ 3,219         | \$ 3,212          |
| Notes and other receivables from affiliates                            | 4,109            | 8,105             |
| Other receivables                                                      | 18,348           | 13,606            |
|                                                                        | <u>\$ 25,676</u> | <u>\$ 24,923</u>  |

#### **(5) Related Party Transactions**

The Company charges certain fees to its co-investments for asset management, property management, development and redevelopment services. These fees from affiliates totaled \$3.6 million and \$5.0 million during the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively and \$9.3 million and \$7.6 million during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. All of these fees are net of intercompany amounts eliminated by the Company. The Company netted development and redevelopment fees of \$1.5 million and \$2.2 million against general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively and \$4.6 million and \$3.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company's Chairman and founder, Mr. George Marcus, is the Chairman of the Marcus & Millichap Company ("MMC"), which is a parent company of a diversified group of real estate service, investment, and development firms. Mr. Marcus is also the Co-Chairman of Marcus & Millichap, Inc. ("MMI"), and Mr. Marcus owns a controlling interest in MMI, a national brokerage firm listed on the NYSE.

During the first quarter, a multifamily property, located in Anaheim, CA that was owned by an entity affiliated with MMC, in which the Company held a preferred equity investment, was sold. That investment of \$13.7 million plus an additional \$1.3 million in cash was invested as outlined in the next two paragraphs. The \$13.7 million preferred equity investment earned a 9.0% preferred return and was scheduled to mature in September 2020.



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In June 2015, the Company made a \$10.0 million preferred equity investment in an entity affiliated with MMC that owns Greentree Apartments, a 220 apartment community located in San Jose, CA. This investment will earn a 9.5% preferred return and is scheduled to mature in June 2022. Independent members of the Company's Board of Directors that serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance and Audit Committees approved the investment in this entity.

In June 2015, the Company made a \$5.0 million preferred equity investment in a related party limited liability company that owns Sterling Cove Apartments, a 218 apartment community located in Concord, CA. This investment will earn a 9.5% preferred return and is scheduled to mature in June 2022. Independent members of the Company's Board of Directors that serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance and Audit Committees approved the investment in this entity.

In July 2014, the Company acquired Paragon Apartments, a 301 apartment community located in Fremont, CA for \$111.0 million from an entity that was partially owned by an affiliate of MMC. Independent members of the Company's Board of Directors that serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance and Audit Committees approved the acquisition of Paragon Apartments.

The Company has provided short-term bridge loans to affiliates. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, \$4.1 million and \$8.1 million of short-term loans remained outstanding due from joint venture affiliates.

## **(6) Debt**

The Company does not have indebtedness as debt is incurred by the Operating Partnership. The Company guarantees the Operating Partnership's unsecured debt including the revolving credit facilities for the full term of such debt.

Debt consists of the following (in thousands):

|                                                                                    | June 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 | Weighted<br>Average<br>Maturity<br>In Years |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Bonds private placement - fixed rate                                               | \$ 463,667    | \$ 463,443        | 3.7                                         |
| Term loan - variable rate                                                          | 224,299       | 224,130           | 1.4                                         |
| Unsecured Bonds - fixed rate                                                       | 2,405,140     | 1,915,975         | 7.3                                         |
| Unsecured debt, net <sup>(1)</sup>                                                 | 3,093,106     | 2,603,548         |                                             |
| Lines of credit, net <sup>(2)</sup>                                                | 28,762        | 242,824           |                                             |
| Mortgage notes payable, net <sup>(3)</sup>                                         | \$ 2,247,463  | \$ 2,234,317      | 6.5                                         |
| Total debt                                                                         | \$ 5,369,331  | \$ 5,080,689      |                                             |
| Weighted average interest rate on fixed rate unsecured and private placement bonds | 3.6%          | 3.6%              |                                             |
| Weighted average interest rate on variable rate term loan                          | 2.4%          | 2.4%              |                                             |
| Weighted average interest rate on lines of credit                                  | 1.9%          | 1.8%              |                                             |
| Weighted average interest rate on mortgage notes payable                           | 4.4%          | 4.6%              |                                             |

(1) Includes unamortized premium of \$20.2 million and \$27.5 million and reduced by unamortized debt issuance costs of \$17.1 million and \$13.9 million, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

(2) Reduced by unamortized debt issuance costs of \$3.9 million and \$3.6 million, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

(3) Includes unamortized premium of \$73.8 million and \$83.8 million and reduced by unamortized debt issuance costs of \$11.1 million and \$11.9 million, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.



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The aggregate scheduled principal payments of the Company's outstanding debt as of June 30, 2015 are as follows (excluding lines of credit):

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Remaining in 2015 | \$ 14,389           |
| 2016              | 391,519             |
| 2017              | 564,178             |
| 2018              | 320,621             |
| 2019              | 641,393             |
| Thereafter        | 3,342,728           |
|                   | <u>\$ 5,274,828</u> |

**(7) Segment Information**

The Company defines its reportable operating segments as the three geographical regions in which its communities are located: Southern California, Northern California and Seattle Metro. Excluded from segment revenues and net operating income are management and other fees from affiliates, and interest and other income. Non-segment revenues and net operating income included in the following schedule also consist of revenue generated from commercial properties. Other non-segment assets include real estate under development, co-investments, cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, notes and other receivables, prepaid expenses and other assets and deferred charges.

The revenues and net operating income for each of the reportable operating segments are summarized as follows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 (\$ in thousands):

|                                           | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                   | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                           | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b>       | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b>       |
| Revenues:                                 |                                        |                   |                                      |                   |
| Southern California                       | \$ 131,026                             | \$ 114,780        | \$ 254,481                           | \$ 184,391        |
| Northern California                       | 106,923                                | 87,722            | 209,350                              | 144,210           |
| Seattle Metro                             | 49,826                                 | 44,444            | 98,480                               | 73,149            |
| Other real estate assets                  | 6,326                                  | 10,006            | 12,019                               | 14,552            |
| Total property revenues                   | <u>\$ 294,101</u>                      | <u>\$ 256,952</u> | <u>\$ 574,330</u>                    | <u>\$ 416,302</u> |
| Net operating income:                     |                                        |                   |                                      |                   |
| Southern California                       | 87,810                                 | 75,292            | 173,340                              | 122,231           |
| Northern California                       | 76,451                                 | 60,797            | 148,967                              | 100,720           |
| Seattle Metro                             | 33,674                                 | 29,401            | 66,803                               | 48,447            |
| Other real estate assets                  | 6,089                                  | 7,904             | 7,972                                | 9,040             |
| Total net operating income                | <u>204,024</u>                         | <u>173,394</u>    | <u>397,082</u>                       | <u>280,438</u>    |
| Management and other fees from affiliates | 2,061                                  | 2,836             | 4,705                                | 4,495             |
| Depreciation and amortization             | (113,731)                              | (101,292)         | (220,638)                            | (151,604)         |
| General and administrative                | (9,549)                                | (9,558)           | (20,094)                             | (17,141)          |
| Merger and integration expenses           | (1,410)                                | (26,497)          | (3,798)                              | (42,556)          |
| Acquisition costs                         | (429)                                  | (529)             | (976)                                | (717)             |
| Interest expense                          | (50,802)                               | (42,151)          | (98,348)                             | (71,192)          |
| Interest and other income                 | 3,254                                  | 2,814             | 7,453                                | 5,693             |
| Equity income from co-investments         | 4,472                                  | 5,629             | 8,783                                | 16,155            |
| Gains on sale of real estate and land     | —                                      | —                 | 7,112                                | 7,481             |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investment    | 12,652                                 | —                 | 34,014                               | —                 |
| Net income                                | <u>\$ 50,542</u>                       | <u>\$ 4,646</u>   | <u>\$ 115,295</u>                    | <u>\$ 31,052</u>  |



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Total assets for each of the reportable operating segments are summarized as follows as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (\$ in thousands):

|                                                       | <u>June 30, 2015</u> | <u>December 31, 2014</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets:                                               |                      |                          |
| Southern California                                   | \$ 4,836,313         | \$ 4,241,277             |
| Northern California                                   | 3,899,013            | 3,641,720                |
| Seattle Metro                                         | 1,624,134            | 1,647,058                |
| Other real estate assets                              | 151,442              | 149,820                  |
| Net reportable operating segment - real estate assets | 10,510,902           | 9,679,875                |
| Real estate under development                         | 220,911              | 429,096                  |
| Co-investments                                        | 1,044,208            | 1,042,423                |
| Real estate held for sale, net                        | —                    | 56,300                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash  | 65,152               | 95,749                   |
| Marketable securities and other investments           | 121,244              | 117,240                  |
| Notes and other receivables                           | 25,676               | 24,923                   |
| Other non-segment assets                              | 56,911               | 81,126                   |
| Total assets                                          | <u>\$ 12,045,004</u> | <u>\$ 11,526,732</u>     |



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**(8) Net Income Per Common Share**

(Amounts in thousands, except per share and unit data)

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|                                             | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, 2015 |                                          |                                  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, 2014 |                                          |                                  |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                             | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common<br>Shares | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common<br>Shares | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount |
| Basic:                                      |                                     |                                          |                                  |                                     |                                          |                                  |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$ 45,555                           | 64,810,184                               | \$ 0.70                          | \$ 1,207                            | 61,884,963                               | \$ 0.02                          |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities               | —                                   | 162,668                                  |                                  | —                                   | 174,799                                  |                                  |
| Diluted:                                    |                                     |                                          |                                  |                                     |                                          |                                  |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$ 45,555                           | 64,972,852                               | \$ 0.70                          | \$ 1,207                            | 62,059,762                               | \$ 0.02                          |
|                                             | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, 2015   |                                          |                                  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, 2014   |                                          |                                  |
|                                             | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common<br>Shares | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common<br>Shares | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount |
| Basic:                                      |                                     |                                          |                                  |                                     |                                          |                                  |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$ 104,918                          | 64,499,545                               | \$ 1.63                          | \$ 23,119                           | 49,857,233                               | \$ 0.46                          |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities               | —                                   | 177,976                                  |                                  | —                                   | 229,928                                  |                                  |
| Diluted:                                    |                                     |                                          |                                  |                                     |                                          |                                  |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$ 104,918                          | 64,677,521                               | \$ 1.62                          | \$ 23,119                           | 50,087,161                               | \$ 0.46                          |

Weighted average convertible limited partnership units of 2,182,025 and 2,173,542 , which include vested Series Z-1 incentive units, for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and 2,183,163 and 2,270,029 for the six months ended June 30, 2015 , and 2014 , respectively, were not included in the determination of diluted EPS because they were anti-dilutive. The related income allocated to these convertible limited partnership units, which includes vested Series Z-1 units, aggregated \$1.6 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 , respectively, and \$3.6 million and \$1.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 , respectively. The Company has the ability and intention to redeem DownREIT limited partnership units for cash and does not consider them to be potentially dilutive securities.

Stock options of 24,500 and 24,500 were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, because the effects on earnings per share were anti-dilutive. Stock options of 36,956 and 53,244 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation because the effects on earnings per share were anti-dilutive.

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|                                            | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, 2015 |                                      |                                 | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, 2014 |                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                            | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common Units | Per<br>Common<br>Unit<br>Amount | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common Units | Per<br>Common<br>Unit<br>Amount |
| Basic:                                     |                                     |                                      |                                 |                                     |                                      |                                 |
| Net income available to common unitholders | \$ 47,088                           | 66,992,209                           | \$ 0.70                         | \$ 1,416                            | 64,058,505                           | \$ 0.02                         |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities              | —                                   | 162,668                              |                                 | —                                   | 174,799                              |                                 |
| Diluted:                                   |                                     |                                      |                                 |                                     |                                      |                                 |
| Net income available to common unitholders | \$ 47,088                           | 67,154,877                           | \$ 0.70                         | \$ 1,416                            | 64,233,304                           | \$ 0.02                         |
|                                            |                                     |                                      |                                 |                                     |                                      |                                 |
|                                            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, 2015   |                                      |                                 | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, 2014   |                                      |                                 |
|                                            | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common Units | Per<br>Common<br>Unit<br>Amount | Income                              | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common Units | Per<br>Common<br>Unit<br>Amount |
| Basic:                                     |                                     |                                      |                                 |                                     |                                      |                                 |
| Net income available to common unitholders | \$ 108,562                          | 66,682,708                           | \$ 1.63                         | \$ 24,745                           | 52,127,261                           | \$ 0.47                         |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities              | —                                   | 177,976                              |                                 | —                                   | 229,928                              |                                 |
| Diluted:                                   |                                     |                                      |                                 |                                     |                                      |                                 |
| Net income available to common unitholders | \$ 108,562                          | 66,860,684                           | \$ 1.62                         | \$ 24,745                           | 52,357,189                           | \$ 0.47                         |

Stock options of 24,500 and 24,500 were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, because the effects on earnings per share were anti-dilutive. Stock options of 36,956 and 53,244 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation because the effects on earnings per share were anti-dilutive. Additionally, excludes 903,285 DownREIT units for which the Operating Partnership has the ability and intention to redeem the DownREIT limited partnership units for cash and does not consider them to be potentially dilutive securities.

### **(9) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

As of June 30, 2015, the Company has entered into interest rate swap contracts with an aggregate notional amount of \$225 million that effectively fixed the interest rate on the \$225 million unsecured term loan at 2.4%. These derivatives qualify for hedge accounting.

As of June 30, 2015, the Company has interest rate cap contracts totaling a notional amount of \$148.1 million that effectively limit the Company's exposure to interest rate risk by providing a ceiling on the underlying variable interest rate for substantially all of the Company's tax exempt variable rate debt.

The Company has total return swaps, with a notional amount of \$114.4 million and a carrying value and fair value of \$19 thousand at June 30, 2015.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the aggregate carrying value of the interest rate swap contracts was a liability of \$1.9 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, which is classified in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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**(10) Commitments and Contingencies**

To the extent that an environmental matter arises or is identified in the future that has other than a remote risk of having a material impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company will disclose the estimated range of possible outcomes, and, if an outcome is probable, accrue an appropriate liability for remediation and other potential liability. The Company will consider whether such occurrence results in an impairment of value on the affected property and, if so, impairment will be recognized. The Company has been sued in the ordinary course of business.

**Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying Notes thereto included elsewhere herein and with the Company's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 .*

The Company is a self-administered and self-managed REIT that acquires, develops, redevelops and manages apartment communities in selected residential areas located primarily in the West Coast of the United States. Essex owns all of its interests in its real estate investments, directly or indirectly, through the Operating Partnership. Essex is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and, as of June 30, 2015, had an approximately 96.8% general partner interest in the Operating Partnership.

The Company's investment strategy has two components: constant monitoring of existing markets, and evaluation of new markets to identify areas with the characteristics that underlie rental growth. The Company's strong financial condition supports its investment strategy by enhancing its ability to quickly shift acquisition, development, and disposition activities to markets that will optimize the performance of the portfolio.

As of June 30, 2015 , the Company had ownership interests in 245 apartment communities, comprising 58,768 apartment units, excluding the Company's ownership in preferred equity interest co-investments, and the Company also had ownership interests in four commercial buildings with approximately 320,235 square feet and nine active developments. The Company's apartment communities are located in the following major West Coast regions:

**Southern California** (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties)

**Northern California** (the San Francisco Bay Area)

**Seattle Metro** (Seattle metropolitan area)

As of June 30, 2015 , the Company's development pipeline was comprised of two consolidated projects under development and seven unconsolidated joint venture projects under development, all aggregating 2,759 apartment units, with total incurred costs of \$0.7 billion, and estimated remaining project costs of \$0.9 billion for total estimated project costs of \$1.6 billion.

The Company's consolidated apartment communities are as follows:

|                     | As of June 30, 2015 |             | As of June 30, 2014 |             |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|                     | Apartment<br>Units  | %           | Apartment<br>Units  | %           |
| Southern California | 23,514              | 48%         | 22,207              | 47%         |
| Northern California | 14,807              | 31%         | 13,769              | 30%         |
| Seattle Metro       | 10,239              | 21%         | 9,996               | 21%         |
| Arizona             | -                   | -           | 902                 | 2%          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>48,560</b>       | <b>100%</b> | <b>46,874</b>       | <b>100%</b> |

Co-investments, including Wesco I, LLC ("Wesco I"), Wesco III, LLC ("Wesco III"), Wesco IV, LLC ("Wesco IV"), Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPPIB" or "CPP"), Palm Valley and BEXAEW, LLC ("BEXAEW") communities, and preferred equity interest co-investment communities are not included in the table presented above for both periods.

On April 1, 2014, the Company completed the merger with BRE Properties, Inc. ("BRE"). For further details regarding the merger see the discussion set forth under the caption "BRE Merger" in note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which is incorporated herein by reference. The net assets and results of operations of BRE are included in our consolidated financial statements as of April 1, 2014.

In March 2015, the Company issued \$500.0 million of 3.50% senior unsecured notes that mature on April 1, 2025. The interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2015 until the maturity date in April 2025. The Company used the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness under the Company's \$1.0 billion unsecured line of credit facility, its \$25.0 million unsecured working capital line and for other general corporate purposes.

In March 2015, the Company purchased a controlling interest in The Huxley and The Dylan, two properties with a total of 371 apartment units, located in West Hollywood, California, with cash and the assumption of the mortgage loans with a principal balance of \$114.4 million with a remaining term to maturity of thirty-two years. As a result of the acquisition, the Company now consolidates these two properties and the related debt.

In April 2015, the Company purchased an additional 49.5% interest in Reveal, a 438 apartment community located in Woodland Hills, CA, from Wesco I, a related party in which the Company holds a 50.0% noncontrolling interest, for a contract price of \$73.0 million. As a result of the acquisition, the property is now consolidated and the Company recorded a gain of \$12.7 million to remeasure the portion of its investment in Wesco I related to Reveal at fair value. The gain is included in "Gain on remeasurement of co-investment" on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015.

In June 2015, the Company purchased Avant, a 247 apartment community, located in downtown Los Angeles, California, for \$99.0 million.

In June 2015 the Company made a \$10.0 million preferred equity investment in a related party limited liability company that owns Greentree Apartments, a 220 apartment community located in San Jose, CA. This investment will earn a 9.5% preferred return and is scheduled to mature in June 2022.

In June 2015 the Company made a \$5.0 million preferred equity investment in a related party limited liability company that owns Sterling Cove Apartments, a 218 apartment community located in Concord, CA. This investment will earn a 9.5% preferred return and is scheduled to mature in June 2022.

#### **Comparison of the Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2014**

The Company's average financial occupancies for the Company's stabilized apartment communities or "Quarterly Same-Property" (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the quarters ended June 30, 2015 and 2014) was 96.1% and 95.8% for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Financial occupancy is defined as the percentage resulting from dividing actual rental revenue by total potential rental revenue. Actual rental revenue represents contractual rental revenue pursuant to leases without considering delinquency and concessions. Total potential rental revenue represents the value of all apartment units, with occupied units valued at contractual rental rates pursuant to leases and vacant units valued at estimated market rents. We believe that financial occupancy is a meaningful measure of occupancy because it considers the value of each vacant unit at its estimated market rate.

Market rates are determined using the recently signed effective rates on new leases at the property and are used as the starting point in the determination of the market rates of vacant units. The Company may increase or decrease these rates based on the supply and demand in the apartment community's market. The Company will check the reasonableness of these rents based on its position within the market and compare the rents against the asking rents by comparable properties in the market. Financial occupancy may not completely reflect short-term trends in physical occupancy and financial occupancy rates, as disclosed by other REITs, may not be comparable to the Company's calculation of financial occupancy.

The Company does not take into account delinquency and concessions to calculate actual rent for occupied units and market rents for vacant units. The calculation of financial occupancy compares contractual rates for occupied units to estimated market rents for unoccupied units, and thus the calculation compares the gross value of all apartment units excluding delinquency and concessions. For apartment communities that are development properties in lease-up without stabilized occupancy figures, the Company believes the physical occupancy rate is the appropriate performance metric. While an apartment community is in the lease-up phase, the Company's primary motivation is to stabilize the property which may entail the use of rent concessions and other incentives, and thus financial occupancy, which is based on contractual revenue is not considered the best metric to quantify occupancy.



The regional breakdown of the Company's Quarterly Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

|                     | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |       |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                     | 2015                           | 2014  |
| Southern California | 95.9%                          | 95.9% |
| Northern California | 96.3%                          | 95.7% |
| Seattle Metro       | 96.1%                          | 95.8% |

The following table provides a breakdown of revenue amounts, including revenues attributable to the Quarterly Same-Properties:

|                                          | Number of<br>Properties | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Dollar<br>Change | Percentage<br>Change |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|
|                                          |                         | 2015                           | 2014       |                  |                      |
| Property Revenues (\$ in thousands)      |                         |                                |            |                  |                      |
| Quarterly Same-Property <sup>(1)</sup> : |                         |                                |            |                  |                      |
| Southern California                      | 84                      | \$ 115,117                     | \$ 108,865 | \$ 6,252         | 5.7%                 |
| Northern California                      | 51                      | 91,559                         | 82,764     | 8,795            | 10.6                 |
| Seattle Metro                            | 45                      | 45,493                         | 42,318     | 3,175            | 7.5                  |
| Total Quarterly Same-Property revenues   | 180                     | 252,169                        | 233,947    | 18,222           | 7.8                  |
| Quarterly Non-Same Property Revenues     |                         | 41,932                         | 23,005     | 18,927           | 82.3                 |
| Total property revenues                  |                         | \$ 294,101                     | \$ 256,952 | \$ 37,149        | 14.5%                |

<sup>(1)</sup> Quarterly Same-Property includes BRE properties acquired on April 1, 2014.

*Quarterly Same-Property Revenues* increased by \$18.2 million or 7.8% to \$252.2 million in the second quarter of 2015 from \$233.9 million in the second quarter of 2014. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase of 7.3% in average rental rates from \$1,780 per unit in the second quarter of 2014 to \$1,910 per unit in the second quarter of 2015. On a sequential basis the Company experienced Quarterly Same-Property revenue growth from the first quarter of 2015 to the second quarter of 2015 of \$5.6 million or 2.3%, resulting from sequential revenue growth in all three regions mainly driven by an increase in average rental rates of 2.2% with no change in occupancy compared to the first quarter of 2015.

*Quarterly Non-Same Property Revenues* increased by \$18.9 million or 82.3% to \$41.9 million in the second quarter of 2015 from \$23.0 million in the second quarter of 2014. The increase was primarily due to revenue generated by ten communities acquired or consolidated since April 1, 2014 and four communities acquired aggregating 710 units during 2013 and 2012, which stabilized after April 1, 2014.

*Management and other fees from affiliates* decreased by \$0.8 million in the second quarter of 2015 as compared to the second quarter of 2014. The decrease is primarily due to the loss of asset and management fees in 2015, as compared to 2014, due to the consolidation of The Huxley, The Dylan, Reveal in 2015 and the sale of certain Fund II communities, in addition to a one time acquisition fee of \$0.5 million received during the second quarter of 2014.

*Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes* increased \$4.2 million to \$57.4 million in the second quarter of 2015 from \$53.2 million in the second quarter of 2014, primarily due to the acquisition or consolidation of ten communities since April 1, 2014. Quarterly Same-Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes, increased by \$1.7 million or 3.5% for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014, primarily due to a \$0.9 increase in maintenance and repairs and a \$0.8 million increase in management fees.

*Real estate taxes* increased by \$2.3 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014 due primarily to the acquisition or consolidation of ten communities since April 1, 2014. Quarterly Same-Property real estate taxes decreased by \$0.6 million or 2.3% for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014 primarily due property tax refunds received in 2015 related to 2014.

*Depreciation and amortization expense* increased by \$12.4 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014, due to the acquisition or consolidation of ten communities since April 1, 2014.

*Merger and integration expenses* include, but are not limited to, advisor fees, legal, and accounting fees related to the merger with BRE and related integration activity. Merger and integration expenses were \$1.4 million for the second quarter of 2015 and \$26.5 million for the second quarter of 2014.

*Interest expense* increased \$8.7 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014, primarily due to a \$4.3 million decrease in capitalized interest for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014, due to the decrease in development costs as compared to the same period in 2014.

*Interest and other income* increased by \$0.4 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014 primarily due to an increase in interest income attributable to an increase in the estimated yield on mortgage backed securities.

*Equity income in co-investments* decreased \$1.2 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014 primarily due to the events in 2014 which did not recur, including a promote income allocation of \$1.1 million during the second quarter of 2014.

*Gain on remeasurement of co-investment* increased by \$12.7 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the second quarter of 2014 due to the remeasurement of the Company's investment in the Reveal community due to the acquisition of a controlling interest in the property.

### Comparison of the Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2014

Our average financial occupancies for the Company's stabilized apartment communities or "2015/2014 Same-Property" (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 ) was 96.3% for both the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

The regional breakdown of the Company's 2015/2014 Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

|                     | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |       |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------|
|                     | 2015                         | 2014  |
| Southern California | 96.4%                        | 96.4% |
| Northern California | 96.3%                        | 96.2% |
| Seattle Metro       | 96.3%                        | 96.3% |

The following table provides a breakdown of revenue amounts, including revenues attributable to the 2015/2014 Same-Properties:

|                                          | Number of<br>Properties | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Dollar<br>Change | Percentage<br>Change |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|
|                                          |                         | 2015                         | 2014       |                  |                      |
| Property Revenues (\$ in thousands)      |                         |                              |            |                  |                      |
| 2015/2014 Same-Property <sup>(1)</sup> : |                         |                              |            |                  |                      |
| Southern California                      | 58                      | \$ 139,525                   | \$ 131,492 | \$ 8,033         | 6.1%                 |
| Northern California                      | 38                      | 122,919                      | 111,253    | 11,666           | 10.5                 |
| Seattle Metro                            | 34                      | 60,710                       | 56,439     | 4,271            | 7.6                  |
| Total 2015/2014 Same-Property revenues   | 130                     | 323,154                      | 299,184    | 23,970           | 8.0                  |
| 2015/2014 Non-Same Property Revenues     |                         | 251,176                      | 117,118    | 134,058          | 114.5                |
| Total property revenues                  |                         | \$ 574,330                   | \$ 416,302 | \$ 158,028       | 38.0%                |

<sup>(1)</sup> 2015/2014 Same-Property excludes BRE properties acquired April 1, 2014.

*2015/2014 Same-Property Revenues* increased by \$24.0 million or 8.0% to \$323.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 from \$299.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase of 8.0% in scheduled rents of \$1,701 per unit for the six months ended June 30, 2014 to \$1,837 per unit for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

*2015/2014 Non-Same Property Revenues* increased by \$134.1 million or 114.5% to \$251.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 from \$117.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014. The increase was primarily due to revenue generated from the BRE merger and twelve other communities acquired or consolidated since January 1, 2014 and four communities aggregating 710 units acquired during 2013 and 2012, which stabilized in 2014.

*Management and other fees from affiliates* increased by \$0.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014. The increase is primarily due to the asset and property management fees earned from co-investments formed or acquired in 2014 and 2015, partially offset by the loss of asset and management fees in 2015, due to the consolidation of The Huxley, The Dylan, Reveal in 2015 and the sale of certain Fund II communities. Additionally, the Company received a one time acquisition fee of \$0.5 million received during the second quarter of 2014.

*Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes* increased \$22.8 million to \$113.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 from \$90.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, primarily due to the BRE merger and the acquisition of or consolidation of twelve communities since January 1, 2014. *2015/2014 Same-Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes*, increased by \$0.5 million or 0.8% for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014, primarily due to a \$0.5 million increase in administrative expenses.

*Real estate taxes* increased by \$18.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014, due primarily to the BRE merger and the acquisition or consolidation of twelve communities since January 1, 2014. *2015/2014 Same-Property real estate taxes* increased by \$0.5 million or 1.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014.

*Depreciation and amortization expense* increased by \$69.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014, due to the BRE merger and the acquisition or consolidation of twelve communities since January 1, 2014.

*General and administrative expense* increased \$3.0 million or 17.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014 primarily due to additional corporate employees from the BRE merger.

*Merger and integration expenses* include, but are not limited to, advisor fees, legal, and accounting fees related to the merger with BRE and related integration activity. Merger and integration expenses were \$3.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and \$42.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

*Interest expense* increased \$27.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014, due to an increase in average outstanding debt primarily due to assumed debt in connection with the BRE merger in addition to a \$3.4 million decrease in capitalized interest for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014, due to the decrease in development costs as compared to the same period in 2014.

*Interest and other income* increased by \$1.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014 primarily due to an increase in interest income attributable to an increase in the estimated yield on mortgage backed securities.

*Equity income in co-investments* decreased \$7.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014 primarily due to events in 2014 which did not recur in 2015, including the Company's share of the gain on the sale of a Fund II community for \$3.2 million, a promote income allocation of \$4.9 million during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and the repayment of the Wesco II preferred equity investment partially offset by \$0.5 million in income from the early redemption of a preferred equity investment during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

*Gains on sale of real estate and land* decreased by \$0.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014 primarily due to \$7.1 million in gains on the sales of Pinnacle South Mountain and two commercial buildings during the six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to a \$7.5 million gain on the sale of Vista Capri North during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

*Gain on remeasurement of co-investment* increased by \$34.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014 due to the remeasurement of the Company's investments in The Huxley and The Dylan properties, resulting in a gain of \$21.3 million, and Reveal, resulting in a gain of \$12.7 million, due to the acquisition of a controlling interest in the properties.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As of June 30, 2015, the Company had \$30.2 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and \$121.2 million in marketable securities, of which \$47.5 million were available for sale. We believe that cash flows generated by our operations, existing cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities balances, availability under existing lines of credit, access to capital markets and the ability to generate cash from the disposition of real estate are sufficient to meet all of our reasonably anticipated cash needs during the next twelve months. The timing, source and amounts of cash flows provided by financing activities and used in investing activities are sensitive to changes in interest rates and other fluctuations in the capital markets environment, which can affect our plans for acquisitions, dispositions, development and redevelopment activities.

Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), Moody's Investor Service, and Standard and Poor's ("S&P") credit agencies rate Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Essex Portfolio, L.P. BBB+/Stable, Baa2/Positive, and BBB/Positive, respectively.

The Company has two lines of unsecured credit aggregating \$1.03 billion. The Company has a \$1.0 billion unsecured line of credit, and as of June 30, 2015, there was \$25.0 million outstanding on it. The underlying interest rate is based on a tiered rate structure tied to the Company's credit ratings on the credit facility and the rate was LIBOR plus 0.95% as of June 30, 2015. This facility matures in December 2018 with one 18-month extension, exercisable at the Company's option. The Company has a working capital unsecured line of credit agreement for \$25.0 million. This facility matures in January 2016. As of June 30, 2015, there was \$7.6 million outstanding on the \$25.0 million unsecured line. The underlying interest rate on the \$25.0 million line is based on a tiered rate structure tied to Fitch and S&P ratings on the credit facility of LIBOR plus 0.95%.

In March 2015, the Company issued \$500 million of 3.50% senior unsecured notes that mature in April 1, 2025. The interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2015 until the maturity date in April 2025. The Company used the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness under the Company's \$1.0 billion unsecured line of credit facility, its \$25.0 million unsecured working capital line and for other general corporate purposes.

The Company has entered into equity distribution agreements with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co, Barclays Capital Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp., BNB Paribas Securities Corp., Citigroup Global Capital Inc., Jefferies, LLC ("Jefferies"), J.P. Morgan Securities LLC ("JP Morgan"), Liquidnet, Inc., Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., and UBS Securities LLC ("UBS"). Pursuant to its equity distribution program, during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and through August 3, 2015, the Company has issued 1,218,911 shares of common stock at an average price of \$226.00 per share, for proceeds of \$272.7 million, net of fees and commissions. Under this program, the Company may from time to time sell shares of common stock into the existing trading market at current market prices, and the Company anticipates using the net proceeds, which are contributed to the Operating Partnership, to pay down debt, acquire apartment communities and fund the development pipeline. As of August 3, 2015, the Company may sell an additional 2,025,034 shares under the current equity distribution program.

Essex pays quarterly dividends from cash available for distribution. Until it is distributed, cash available for distribution is invested by the Company primarily in investment grade securities held available for sale or is used by the Company to reduce balances outstanding under its line of credit.

## ***Development and Predevelopment Pipeline***

The Company defines development activities as new properties that are being constructed, or are newly constructed and, in the case of development communities, are in a phase of lease-up and have not yet reached stabilized operations. As of June 30, 2015, the Company's development pipeline was comprised of two consolidated projects under development and seven unconsolidated joint venture projects under development, all aggregating 2,759 units, with total incurred costs of \$0.7 billion, and estimated remaining project costs of approximately \$0.9 billion for total estimated project costs of \$1.6 billion.

The Company expects to fund the development and predevelopment pipeline by using a combination of some or all of the following sources: its working capital, amounts available on its lines of credit, net proceeds from public and private equity and debt issuances, and proceeds from the disposition of assets, if any.

## *Redevelopment Pipeline*

The Company defines redevelopment communities as existing properties owned or recently acquired, which have been targeted for additional investment by the Company with the expectation of increased financial returns through property improvement. During redevelopment, apartment units may not be available for rent and, as a result, may have less than stabilized operations. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had ownership interests in five major redevelopment communities aggregating 1,313 apartment units with estimated redevelopment costs of \$148.5 million, of which approximately \$100.1 million remains to be expended. The Company has the ability to cease funding of the redevelopment pipeline as needed.

## *Derivative Activity*

The Company uses interest rate swaps, interest rate cap, and total return swap contracts to manage certain interest rate risks. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves. The fair values of interest rate swaps and total return swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves. The Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 the aggregate carrying value of the interest rate swap contracts was a liability of \$1.9 million and \$1.8 million, respectively. The aggregate carrying value of the interest rate cap contracts was zero on the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The aggregate carrying value of the total return swaps was an asset of \$19 thousand on the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2015. The Company did not hold any total return swaps as of December 31, 2014.

## **Alternative Capital Sources**

The Company utilizes co-investments as an alternative source of capital for acquisitions of both operating and development communities. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had an interest in 1,988 units of communities actively under development with joint ventures for total estimated costs of \$1.1 billion. Total estimated remaining costs total approximately \$587 million, of which the Company estimates that our remaining investment in these development joint ventures will be approximately \$301 million. In addition, the Company had an interest in 10,208 units of operating communities with joint ventures for a total book value of \$730.2 million as of June 30, 2015.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements, in accordance with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. The Company defines critical accounting policies as those accounting policies that require the Company's management to exercise their most difficult, subjective and complex judgments. The Company's critical accounting policies and estimates relate principally to the following key areas: (i) accounting for business combinations (ii) consolidation under applicable accounting standards for entities that are not wholly owned; (iii) assessing the carrying values of our real estate properties and investments in and advances to joint ventures and affiliates; and (iv) internal cost capitalization. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, current market conditions, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from those estimates made by management.

The Company's critical accounting policies and estimates have not changed materially from information reported in Note 2, "Summary of Critical and Significant Accounting Policies," in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q which are not historical facts may be considered forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements regarding the Company's expectations, hopes, intentions, beliefs and strategies regarding the future. Forward looking statements include statements regarding the Company's expectations as to the total

projected costs of predevelopment, development and redevelopment projects, beliefs as to our ability to meet our cash needs during the next twelve months and the Company's development and redevelopment pipeline, and statements regarding the Company's financing activities.

Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors including, but not limited to, that the Company will fail to achieve its business objectives, that the total projected costs of current predevelopment, development and redevelopment projects exceed expectations, that such development and redevelopment projects will not be completed, that development and redevelopment projects and acquisitions will fail to meet expectations, that estimates of future income from an acquired property may prove to be inaccurate, that future cash flows will be inadequate to meet operating requirements, that there may be a downturn in the markets in which the Company's properties are located, that the terms of any refinancing may not be as favorable as the terms of existing indebtedness, and that lawsuits will be more costly than anticipated, as well as those risks, special considerations, and other factors referred to in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and those risk factors and special considerations set forth in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, and the Company assumes no obligation to update this information.

### **Funds from Operations Attributable to Common Stockholders and Unitholders**

Funds from Operations Attributable to Common Stockholders and Unitholders ("FFO") is a financial measure that is commonly used in the REIT industry. The Company presents funds from operations as a supplemental operating performance measure. FFO is not used by the Company as, nor should it be considered to be, an alternative to net earnings computed under GAAP as an indicator of the Company's operating performance or as an alternative to cash from operating activities computed under GAAP as an indicator of the Company's ability to fund its cash needs.

FFO is not meant to represent a comprehensive system of financial reporting and does not present, nor does it intend to present, a complete picture of the Company's financial condition and operating performance. The Company believes that net earnings computed under GAAP is the primary measure of performance and that FFO is only meaningful when it is used in conjunction with net earnings. The Company considers FFO and FFO excluding non-recurring items and acquisition costs (referred to as "Core FFO") to be useful financial performance measurements of an equity REIT because, together with net income and cash flows, FFO provides investors with an additional basis to evaluate operating performance and ability of a REIT to incur and service debt and to fund acquisitions and other capital expenditures and ability to pay dividends. Further, the Company believes that its consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with GAAP, provide the most meaningful picture of its financial condition and its operating performance.

In calculating FFO, the Company follows the definition for this measure published by the National Association of REITs ("NAREIT"), which is a REIT trade association. The Company believes that, under the NAREIT FFO definition, the two most significant adjustments made to net income are (i) the exclusion of historical cost depreciation and (ii) the exclusion of gains and losses (including impairment charges on depreciable real estate) from the sale of previously depreciated properties. The Company agrees that these two NAREIT adjustments are useful to investors for the following reason:

- (a) historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP assumes, through depreciation charges, that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. NAREIT stated in its White Paper on Funds from Operations "since real estate asset values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors have considered presentations of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves." Consequently, NAREIT's definition of FFO reflects the fact that real estate, as an asset class, generally appreciates over time and depreciation charges required by GAAP do not reflect the underlying economic realities.
- (b) REITs were created as a legal form of organization in order to encourage public ownership of real estate as an asset class through investment in firms that were in the business of long-term ownership and management of real estate. The exclusion, in NAREIT's definition of FFO, of gains and losses (including impairment charges on depreciable real estate) from the sales of previously depreciated operating real estate assets allows investors and analysts to readily identify the operating results of the long-term assets that form the core of a REIT's activity and assists in comparing those operating results between periods.



Management believes that it has consistently applied the NAREIT definition of FFO to all periods presented. However, there is judgment involved and other REITs' calculation of FFO may vary from the NAREIT definition for this measure, and thus their disclosure of FFO may not be comparable to the Company's calculation.

The following table sets forth the Company's calculation of FFO and Core FFO for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands except for share and per share data):

*Essex Property Trust, Inc.*

|                                                                                                  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|                                                                                                  | 2015                           | 2014       | 2015                         | 2014       |
| Net income available to common stockholders                                                      | \$ 45,555                      | \$ 1,207   | \$ 104,918                   | \$ 23,119  |
| Adjustments:                                                                                     |                                |            |                              |            |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                                    | 113,731                        | 101,292    | 220,638                      | 151,604    |
| Gains not included in Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders  | (12,652)                       | —          | (41,126)                     | (10,292)   |
| Depreciation add back from unconsolidated co-investments                                         | 12,105                         | 8,314      | 24,022                       | 13,074     |
| Noncontrolling interest related to Operating Partnership units                                   | 1,581                          | 209        | 3,644                        | 1,626      |
| Depreciation attributable to third party ownership and other                                     | (251)                          | (332)      | (500)                        | (661)      |
| Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders                        | \$ 160,069                     | \$ 110,690 | \$ 311,596                   | \$ 178,470 |
| Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders per share - diluted    | \$ 2.38                        | \$ 1.72    | \$ 4.66                      | \$ 3.41    |
| Non-core items:                                                                                  |                                |            |                              |            |
| Merger and integration expenses                                                                  | 1,410                          | 26,497     | 3,798                        | 42,556     |
| Acquisition costs                                                                                | 429                            | 529        | 976                          | 717        |
| Gain on sales of marketable securities and note prepayment                                       | —                              | (459)      | —                            | (886)      |
| Co-investment promote income                                                                     | —                              | (1,056)    | —                            | (4,904)    |
| Gain on sale of land                                                                             | —                              | —          | —                            | (400)      |
| Income from early redemption of preferred equity investments                                     | —                              | —          | (469)                        | —          |
| Other non-core adjustments                                                                       | (582)                          | (2,307)    | (1,957)                      | (539)      |
| Core Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders                   | \$ 161,326                     | \$ 133,894 | \$ 313,944                   | \$ 215,014 |
| Core Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders per share-diluted | \$ 2.40                        | \$ 2.08    | \$ 4.69                      | \$ 4.11    |
| Weighted average number                                                                          |                                |            |                              |            |
| shares outstanding diluted <sup>(1)</sup>                                                        | 67,215,382                     | 64,233,304 | 66,922,047                   | 52,357,189 |

- (1) Assumes conversion of all outstanding operating partnership interests in the Operating Partnership and excludes 903,285 DownREIT units for which the Operating Partnership has the ability and intention to redeem the DownREIT limited partnership units for cash and does not consider them to be common stock equivalents.

### Net Operating Income ("NOI")

Same-property net operating income ("NOI") is considered by management to be an important supplemental performance measure to earnings from operations included in the Company's consolidated statements of income. The presentation of same-property NOI assists with the presentation of the Company's operations prior to the allocation of depreciation and any

corporate-level or financing-related costs. NOI reflects the operating performance of a community and allows for an easy comparison of the operating performance of individual communities or groups of communities. In addition, because prospective buyers of real estate have different financing and overhead structures, with varying marginal impacts to overhead by acquiring real estate, NOI is considered by many in the real estate industry to be a useful measure for determining the value of a real estate asset or group of assets. The Company defines same-property NOI as same-property revenue less same-property operating expenses, including property taxes. Please see the reconciliation of earnings from operations to same-property NOI, which in the table below is the NOI for stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the periods presented (in thousands):

|                                           | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|                                           | 2015                           | 2014       | 2015                         | 2014       |
| Earnings from operations                  | \$ 80,966                      | \$ 38,354  | \$ 156,281                   | \$ 72,915  |
| Adjustments:                              |                                |            |                              |            |
| Depreciation and amortization             | 113,731                        | 101,292    | 220,638                      | 151,604    |
| Management and other fees from affiliates | (2,061)                        | (2,836)    | (4,705)                      | (4,495)    |
| General and administrative                | 9,549                          | 9,558      | 20,094                       | 17,141     |
| Merger and integration expenses           | 1,410                          | 26,497     | 3,798                        | 42,556     |
| Acquisition costs                         | 429                            | 529        | 976                          | 717        |
| NOI                                       | 204,024                        | 173,394    | 397,082                      | 280,438    |
| Less: Non same-property NOI               | (29,036)                       | (15,571)   | (168,311)                    | (74,636)   |
| Same-property NOI <sup>(1)</sup>          | \$ 174,988                     | \$ 157,823 | \$ 228,771                   | \$ 205,802 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Same-Property NOI for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 includes BRE properties acquired on April 1, 2014, while the BRE properties are excluded from Same-Property NOI for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

### Item 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks

#### Interest Rate Hedging Activities

The Company's objective in using derivatives is to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements or other identified risks. To accomplish this objective, the Company uses interest rate swaps as part of its cash flow hedging strategy. As of June 30, 2015, the Company has entered into seven interest rate swap contracts to mitigate the risk of changes in the interest-related cash outflows on its \$225.0 million variable rate five-year unsecured term debt. As of June 30, 2015, the Company also had \$292.1 million of variable rate indebtedness, of which \$148.1 million is subject to interest rate cap protection. The Company holds derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges as of June 30, 2015. The following table summarizes the notional amount, carrying value, and estimated fair value of the Company's cash flow hedge derivative instruments used to hedge interest rates as of June 30, 2015. The notional amount represents the aggregate amount of a particular security that is currently hedged at one time, but does not represent exposure to credit, interest rates or market risks. The table also includes a sensitivity analysis to demonstrate the impact on the Company's derivative instruments from an increase or decrease in 10-year Treasury bill interest rates by 50 basis points, as of June 30, 2015.

| (in thousands)         | Notional<br>Amount | Maturity<br>Date Range | Carrying and<br>Estimated<br>Fair Value | Estimated Carrying Value<br>50<br>Basis Points | -50<br>Basis Points |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash flow hedges:      |                    |                        |                                         |                                                |                     |
| Interest rate swaps    | \$ 225,000         | 2016-2017              | \$ (1,896)                              | \$ (421)                                       | \$ (3,255)          |
| Interest rate caps     | 148,125            | 2016-2020              | —                                       | 59                                             | —                   |
| Total cash flow hedges | \$ 373,125         | 2016-2020              | \$ (1,896)                              | \$ (362)                                       | \$ (3,255)          |

Additionally, the Company has a total return swap, which does not qualify for hedge accounting, with a notional amount of \$114.4 million and a carrying value and fair value of \$19 thousand at June 30, 2015.



## Interest Rate Sensitive Liabilities

The Company is exposed to interest rate changes primarily as a result of its lines of credit and long-term tax exempt variable rate debt and unsecured term debt. The Company's interest rate risk management objective is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower its overall borrowing costs. To achieve its objectives the Company borrows primarily at fixed rates and may enter into derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps, caps and treasury locks in order to mitigate its interest rate risk on a related financial instrument. The Company does not enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes.

The Company's interest rate risk is monitored using a variety of techniques. The table below presents the principal amounts and weighted average interest rates by year of expected maturity to evaluate the expected cash flows (excludes lines of credit).

| For the Years Ended                       | 2015      | 2016                   | 2017                  | 2018    | 2019    | Thereafter                | Total        | Fair value   |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| (in thousands, except for interest rates) |           |                        |                       |         |         |                           |              |              |
| Fixed rate debt                           | \$ 14,389 | 191,481                | 538,683               | 320,080 | 630,801 | 3,062,325                 | \$ 4,757,759 | \$ 4,882,579 |
| Average interest rate                     | 4.6%      | 4.6%                   | 3.3%                  | 5.5%    | 4.3%    | 4.1%                      | 4.1%         |              |
| Variable rate debt                        | \$ —      | 200,038 <sup>(1)</sup> | 25,495 <sup>(1)</sup> | 541     | 10,592  | 280,403 <sup>(2)(3)</sup> | \$ 517,069   | \$ 545,480   |
| Average interest rate                     | —         | 2.1%                   | 2.1%                  | 2.5     | 1.8%    | 1.7%                      | 1.9%         |              |

(1) \$225.0 million subject to interest rate swap agreements.

(2) \$148.1 million subject to interest rate caps.

(3) \$114.4 million subject to total return swaps.

The table incorporates only those exposures that exist as of June 30, 2015 ; it does not consider those exposures or positions that could arise after that date. As a result, our ultimate realized gain or loss, with respect to interest rate fluctuations and hedging strategies would depend on the exposures that arise prior to settlement.

## Item 4: Controls and Procedures

### Essex Property Trust, Inc.

As of June 30, 2015 , Essex carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including Essex's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based upon that evaluation, Essex's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of June 30, 2015 , our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by Essex in the reports that Essex files or submit under the Exchange Act was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such disclosure controls and procedures were also effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to Essex's management, including Essex's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in Essex's internal control over financial reporting, that occurred during the quarter ended June 30, 2015 , that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Essex's internal control over financial reporting.

### Essex Portfolio, L.P.

As of June 30, 2015 , the Operating Partnership carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of June 30, 2015 , our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Operating Partnership in the reports that the Operating Partnership files or submit under the

Exchange Act was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such disclosure controls and procedures were also effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Operating Partnership's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting, that occurred during the quarter ended June 30, 2015, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

## **Part II -- Other Information**

### **Item 1: Legal Proceedings**

The Company is subject to various lawsuits in the normal course of its business operations. Such lawsuits could, but are not expected to, have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company purchases general liability and all risk property, including loss of rent, insurance coverage for each of its communities. The Company also purchases limited earthquake, terrorism, environmental and flood insurance. There are certain types of losses which may not be covered or could exceed coverage limits. The insurance are subject to deductibles and self-insured retentions in varying amounts. The Company utilizes a wholly owned insurance subsidiary, Pacific Western Insurance LLC ("PWI") to self-insure certain earthquake and all risk losses. As of June 30, 2015, PWI has cash and marketable securities of approximately \$50.7 million, and is consolidated in the Company's financial statements.

### **Item 1A: Risk Factors**

There were no material changes to the Risk Factors disclosed in Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the SEC and available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **Item 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

#### ***Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities; Essex Portfolio, L.P.***

During the three months ended June 30, 2015, the Operating Partnership issued partnership units in private placements in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act, in the amounts and for the consideration set forth below:

During the three months ended June 30, 2015, Essex Property Trust, Inc. issued an aggregate of 422,303 of its common stock upon the exercise of stock options, the vesting of restricted stock awards and the issuances of common stock into the public market pursuant to its equity distribution program. Essex Property Trust, Inc. contributed the proceeds from the option exercises and issuances of common stock pursuant to its equity distribution of \$92.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 to our Operating Partnership in exchange for an aggregate of 422,303 common operating partnership units ("common units"), as required by the Operating Partnership's partnership agreement.

### **Item 5: Other Information**

None.

## Item 6: Exhibits

### A. Exhibits

|      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.1 | Terms Agreement dated as of May 20, 2015, among Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., attached as Exhibit 1.1 to Essex Property Trust, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 26, 2015, and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 12.1 | Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 31.1 | Certification of Michael J. Schall, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                                        |
| 31.2 | Certification of Michael T. Dance, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                                         |
| 31.3 | Certification of Michael J. Schall, Principal Executive Officer of General Partner, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                 |
| 31.4 | Certification of Michael T. Dance, Principal Financial Officer of General Partner, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                  |
| 32.1 | Certification of Michael J. Schall, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                                        |
| 32.2 | Certification of Michael T. Dance, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                                         |
| 32.3 | Certification of Michael J. Schall, Principal Executive Officer of General Partner, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                 |
| 32.4 | Certification of Michael T. Dance, Principal Financial Officer of General Partner, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                                                  |

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

### **ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.**

*(Registrant)*

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /S/ MICHAEL T. DANCE

Michael T. Dance

*Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
(Authorized Officer, Principal Financial Officer)*

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /S/ JOHN FARIAS

John Farias

*Group Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer*

### **ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.**

By Essex Property Trust, Inc., its general partner  
*(Registrant)*

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /S/ MICHAEL T. DANCE

Michael T. Dance

*Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
(Authorized Officer, Principal Financial Officer)*

### **ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.**

By Essex Property Trust, Inc., its general partner  
*(Registrant)*

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /S/ JOHN FARIAS

John Farias

*Group Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer*

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Schedule of computation of Ratio and Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends**  
*(Dollars in thousands, except ratios)*

|                                                                                                                           | Six Months<br>ended June<br>30,<br>2015 | Years ended December 31, |                   |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                                                           |                                         | 2014                     | 2013              | 2012              | 2011              |
| <b>Earnings:</b>                                                                                                          |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Income before discontinued operations                                                                                     | \$ 115,295                              | \$ 134,438               | \$ 140,882        | \$ 127,653        | \$ 46,958         |
| Interest expense                                                                                                          | 98,348                                  | 164,551                  | 116,524           | 111,888           | 103,168           |
| <b>Total earnings</b>                                                                                                     | <b>\$ 213,643</b>                       | <b>\$ 298,989</b>        | <b>\$ 257,406</b> | <b>\$ 239,541</b> | <b>\$ 150,126</b> |
| <b>Fixed charges:</b>                                                                                                     |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Interest expense                                                                                                          | \$ 98,348                               | \$ 164,551               | \$ 116,524        | \$ 111,888        | \$ 103,168        |
| Capitalized interest                                                                                                      | 8,265                                   | 22,510                   | 16,486            | 10,346            | 8,240             |
| Preferred stock dividends                                                                                                 | 2,627                                   | 5,291                    | 5,472             | 5,472             | 4,753             |
| Perpetual preferred unit distributions                                                                                    | —                                       | —                        | —                 | —                 | 1,650             |
| <b>Total fixed charges and preferred<br/>stock dividends and preferred unit distributions</b>                             | <b>\$ 109,240</b>                       | <b>\$ 192,352</b>        | <b>\$ 138,482</b> | <b>\$ 127,706</b> | <b>\$ 117,811</b> |
| <b>Ratio of earnings to fixed charges<br/>(excluding preferred stock dividends<br/>and preferred unit distributions)</b>  |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
|                                                                                                                           | <b>2.00 X</b>                           | <b>1.60 X</b>            | <b>1.94 X</b>     | <b>1.96 X</b>     | <b>1.35 X</b>     |
| <b>Ratio of earnings to combined fixed<br/>charges and preferred stock dividends and<br/>preferred unit distributions</b> |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
|                                                                                                                           | <b>1.96 X</b>                           | <b>1.55 X</b>            | <b>1.86 X</b>     | <b>1.88 X</b>     | <b>1.27 X</b>     |

**ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Schedule of computation of Ratio and Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Unit Distributions**  
*(Dollars in thousands, except ratios)*

|                                                                                                                    | Six Months<br>ended June<br>30,<br>2015 | Years ended December 31, |                   |                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                                                    |                                         | 2014                     | 2013              | 2012              | 2011              |
| <b>Earnings:</b>                                                                                                   |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Income before discontinued operations                                                                              | \$ 115,295                              | \$ 134,438               | \$ 140,882        | \$ 127,653        | \$ 46,958         |
| Interest expense                                                                                                   | 98,348                                  | 164,551                  | 116,524           | 111,888           | 103,168           |
| <b>Total earnings</b>                                                                                              | <b>\$ 213,643</b>                       | <b>\$ 298,989</b>        | <b>\$ 257,406</b> | <b>\$ 239,541</b> | <b>\$ 150,126</b> |
|                                                                                                                    |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Fixed charges:</b>                                                                                              |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Interest expense                                                                                                   | \$ 98,348                               | \$ 164,551               | \$ 116,524        | \$ 111,888        | \$ 103,168        |
| Capitalized interest                                                                                               | 8,265                                   | 22,510                   | 16,486            | 10,346            | 8,240             |
| Preferred interest distributions                                                                                   | 2,627                                   | 5,291                    | 5,472             | 5,472             | 4,753             |
| Perpetual preferred unit distributions                                                                             | —                                       | —                        | —                 | —                 | 1,650             |
| <b>Total fixed charges and preferred<br/>interest and preferred unit distributions</b>                             | <b>\$ 109,240</b>                       | <b>\$ 192,352</b>        | <b>\$ 138,482</b> | <b>\$ 127,706</b> | <b>\$ 117,811</b> |
|                                                                                                                    |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Ratio of earnings to fixed charges<br/>(excluding preferred interest<br/>and preferred unit distributions)</b>  |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
|                                                                                                                    | <u>2.00 X</u>                           | <u>1.60 X</u>            | <u>1.94 X</u>     | <u>1.96 X</u>     | <u>1.35 X</u>     |
|                                                                                                                    |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Ratio of earnings to combined fixed<br/>charges and preferred interest and<br/>preferred unit distributions</b> |                                         |                          |                   |                   |                   |
|                                                                                                                    | <u>1.96 X</u>                           | <u>1.55 X</u>            | <u>1.86 X</u>     | <u>1.88 X</u>     | <u>1.27 X</u>     |

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.**  
**Certification of Chief Executive Officer**  
**Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Michael J. Schall, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Essex Property Trust, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure control and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal controls over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 6, 2015

/s/ Michael J. Schall

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Michael J. Schall  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
Essex Property Trust, Inc.

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2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
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Date: August 6, 2015

/s/ Michael T. Dance

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Michael T. Dance  
Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President  
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Date: August 6, 2015

/s/ Michael J. Schall

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Michael J. Schall  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
Essex Property Trust, Inc., general partner of  
Essex Portfolio, L.P.

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**Certification of Chief Executive Officer**  
**Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted**

**Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), I, Michael J. Schall, hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2015 (the "Form 10-Q") of Essex Property Trust, Inc. fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Essex Property Trust, Inc. at the dates of and for the periods presented.

Date: August 6, 2015

/s/ Michael J. Schall

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Michael J. Schall

Chief Executive Officer and President

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Date: August 6, 2015

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Date: August 6, 2015

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