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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

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)

**1100 Park Place, Suite 200
San Mateo, California 94403**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

(650) 655-7800

(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, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth 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) ☐
Emerging growth company ☐

Essex Portfolio, L.P.:

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

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Essex Property Trust, Inc. ☐ Essex Portfolio, L.P. ☐

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: 66,037,029 shares of Common Stock (\$0.0001 par value) of Essex Property Trust, Inc. were outstanding as of October 30, 2017 .

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This report combines the reports on Form 10-Q for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2017 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. 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 Operating Partnership limited partnership units (“OP Units”) 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, 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 into Essex common stock on a one-for-one basis. The Company maintains a one-for-one relationship between the OP Units 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 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 condensed 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 condensed consolidated financial statements and as noncontrolling interest in Essex's condensed consolidated financial statements. The noncontrolling interest in the Operating Partnership's consolidated financial statements include the interest of unaffiliated partners in various condensed 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) OP Unit holders. 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 (the "Exchange Act") 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, 2016 .

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Part I – Financial Information

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except parenthetical and share amounts)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>September 30, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Real estate:		
Rental properties:		
Land and land improvements	\$ 2,719,064	\$ 2,559,743
Buildings and improvements	10,585,742	10,116,563
	13,304,806	12,676,306
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,651,542)	(2,311,546)
	10,653,264	10,364,760
Real estate under development	313,825	190,505
Co-investments	1,124,577	1,161,275
Real estate held for sale, net	—	101,957
	12,091,666	11,818,497
Cash and cash equivalents-unrestricted	46,507	64,921
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted	16,766	105,381
Marketable securities	184,574	139,189
Notes and other receivables (includes related party receivables of \$65.6 million and \$11.3 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	121,557	40,970
Prepaid expenses and other assets	51,453	48,450
Total assets	<u>\$ 12,512,523</u>	<u>\$ 12,217,408</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>		
Unsecured debt, net	\$ 3,501,146	\$ 3,246,779
Mortgage notes payable, net	2,111,467	2,191,481
Lines of credit	2,609	125,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	222,122	138,226
Construction payable	59,767	35,909
Dividends payable	121,496	110,170
Distributions in excess of investments in co-investments	36,245	—
Other liabilities	33,733	32,922
Total liabilities	6,088,585	5,880,487
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	40,044	44,684
Equity:		
Common stock; \$0.0001 par value, 670,000,000 shares authorized; 66,002,487 and 65,527,993 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	7,111,866	7,029,679
Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings	(821,732)	(805,409)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(24,632)	(32,098)
Total stockholders' equity	6,265,508	6,192,178
Noncontrolling interest	118,386	100,059
Total equity	6,383,894	6,292,237
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 12,512,523</u>	<u>\$ 12,217,408</u>

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 September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:				
Rental and other property	\$ 341,974	\$ 327,078	\$ 1,011,908	\$ 958,818
Management and other fees from affiliates	2,395	2,093	6,927	6,145
	<u>344,369</u>	<u>329,171</u>	<u>1,018,835</u>	<u>964,963</u>
Expenses:				
Property operating, excluding real estate taxes	66,606	63,781	193,632	185,390
Real estate taxes	37,531	35,580	108,283	104,540
Depreciation and amortization	117,451	110,467	350,893	329,847
General and administrative	9,788	9,647	30,726	28,527
Acquisition and investment related costs	324	284	1,154	1,379
	<u>231,700</u>	<u>219,759</u>	<u>684,688</u>	<u>649,683</u>
Earnings from operations	112,669	109,412	334,147	315,280
Interest expense	(55,938)	(56,693)	(167,333)	(164,727)
Total return swap income	2,538	3,143	7,653	9,080
Interest and other income	5,790	4,943	17,916	19,560
Equity income from co-investments	19,727	9,568	40,934	38,932
Loss on early retirement of debt	—	(211)	—	(211)
Gain on sale of real estate and land	249	—	26,423	20,258
Deferred tax expense on gain on sale of real estate and land	—	—	—	(4,279)
Gain on remeasurement of co-investment	—	—	88,641	—
Net income	<u>85,035</u>	<u>70,162</u>	<u>348,381</u>	<u>233,893</u>
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(5,312)	(4,601)	(18,935)	(14,483)
Net income attributable to controlling interest	<u>79,723</u>	<u>65,561</u>	<u>329,446</u>	<u>219,410</u>
Dividends to preferred stockholders	—	—	—	(1,314)
Excess of redemption value of preferred stock over the carrying value	—	—	—	(2,541)
Net income available to common stockholders	<u>\$ 79,723</u>	<u>\$ 65,561</u>	<u>\$ 329,446</u>	<u>\$ 215,555</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 88,870</u>	<u>\$ 73,173</u>	<u>\$ 356,102</u>	<u>\$ 235,874</u>
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(5,438)	(4,700)	(19,190)	(14,548)
Comprehensive income attributable to controlling interest	<u>\$ 83,432</u>	<u>\$ 68,473</u>	<u>\$ 336,912</u>	<u>\$ 221,326</u>
Per share data:				
Basic:				
Net income available to common stockholders	<u>\$ 1.21</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.01</u>	<u>\$ 3.29</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period	<u>65,994,896</u>	<u>65,507,669</u>	<u>65,759,450</u>	<u>65,455,004</u>
Diluted:				
Net income available to common stockholders	<u>\$ 1.21</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.29</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period	<u>66,078,283</u>	<u>65,617,551</u>	<u>65,836,965</u>	<u>65,578,661</u>
Dividend per common share	<u>\$ 1.75</u>	<u>\$ 1.60</u>	<u>\$ 5.25</u>	<u>\$ 4.80</u>

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2017

(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	<u>Common stock</u>		<u>Additional paid-in capital</u>	<u>Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings</u>	<u>Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net</u>	<u>Noncontrolling Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>					
Balances at December 31, 2016	65,528	\$ 6	\$7,029,679	\$ (805,409)	\$ (32,098)	\$ 100,059	\$6,292,237
Net income	—	—	—	329,446	—	18,935	348,381
Reversal of unrealized gains upon the sale of marketable securities	—	—	—	—	(1,596)	(54)	(1,650)
Change in fair value of derivatives and amortization of swap settlements	—	—	—	—	7,160	245	7,405
Change in fair value of marketable securities, net	—	—	—	—	1,902	64	1,966
Issuance of common stock under:							
Stock option and restricted stock plans, net	160	—	24,079	—	—	—	24,079
Sale of common stock, net	312	—	80,377	—	—	—	80,377
Equity based compensation costs	—	—	3,814	—	—	1,080	4,894
Changes in the redemption value of redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	(916)	—	—	13	(903)
Contributions from noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	22,506	22,506
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	(21,072)	(21,072)
Redemptions of noncontrolling interest	2	—	(25,167)	—	—	(3,390)	(28,557)
Common stock dividends	—	—	—	(345,769)	—	—	(345,769)
Balances at September 30, 2017	<u>66,002</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$7,111,866</u>	<u>\$ (821,732)</u>	<u>\$ (24,632)</u>	<u>\$ 118,386</u>	<u>\$6,383,894</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)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 348,381	\$ 233,893
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	350,893	329,847
Amortization of discount on marketable securities and other investments	(11,128)	(10,771)
Amortization of (premium) discount and debt financing costs, net	(5,132)	(11,432)
Gain on sale of marketable securities and other investments	(1,650)	(2,876)
Company's share of gain on the sales of co-investments	(10,058)	(13,046)
Earnings from co-investments	(30,876)	(25,886)
Operating distributions from co-investments	47,702	45,342
Gain on the sale of real estate and land	(26,423)	(20,258)
Equity-based compensation	4,894	4,436
Loss on early retirement of debt, net	—	211
Gain on remeasurement of co-investment	(88,641)	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses, receivables and other assets	(7,862)	656
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	50,788	49,961
Other liabilities	399	420
Net cash provided by operating activities	621,287	580,497
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to real estate:		
Acquisitions of real estate and acquisition related capital expenditures	(200,028)	(124,054)
Redevelopment	(50,642)	(62,983)
Development acquisitions of and additions to real estate under development	(92,936)	(58,575)
Capital expenditures on rental properties	(46,455)	(40,503)
Investments in notes receivable	(76,961)	(4,375)
Proceeds from insurance for property losses	648	3,288
Proceeds from dispositions of real estate	132,039	48,008
Contributions to co-investments	(231,552)	(121,972)
Changes in restricted cash and refundable deposits	91,209	65,858
Purchases of marketable securities	(65,668)	(18,779)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities and other investments	33,377	14,708
Non-operating distributions from co-investments	112,572	34,564
Net cash used in investing activities	(394,397)	(264,815)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from unsecured debt and mortgage notes	597,981	499,724
Payments on unsecured debt and mortgage notes	(460,040)	(244,583)
Proceeds from lines of credit	564,833	321,373
Repayments of lines of credit	(687,224)	(336,373)
Repayment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock	—	(73,750)
Additions to deferred charges	(4,108)	(5,300)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	80,377	(382)
Net proceeds from stock options exercised	24,079	17,878
Payments related to tax withholding for share-based compensation	(118)	(222)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(20,405)	(19,844)
Redemption of noncontrolling interest	(4,849)	(2,435)
Redemption of redeemable noncontrolling interest	(720)	—

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Common and preferred stock dividends paid	(335,110)	(306,284)
Net cash used in financing activities	(245,304)	(150,198)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(18,414)	165,484
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	64,921	29,683
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 46,507	\$ 195,167
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest, net of \$10.0 million and \$9.4 million capitalized in 2017 and 2016, respectively	\$ 148,742	\$ 140,183
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Issuance of DownREIT units in connection with acquisition of real estate	\$ 22,506	\$ —
Transfers between real estate under development to rental properties, net	\$ 2,195	\$ 106,255
Transfer from real estate under development to co-investments	\$ 4,122	\$ 8,332
Reclassifications to (from) redeemable noncontrolling interest to or from additional paid in capital and noncontrolling interest	\$ 903	\$ (1,343)
Debt assumed in connection with acquisition	\$ 51,882	\$ 48,832

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ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except parenthetical and unit amounts)

	<u>September 30, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
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Distributions in excess of investments in co-investments	36,245	—
Other liabilities	33,733	32,922
Total liabilities	<u>6,088,585</u>	<u>5,880,487</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	40,044	44,684
Capital:		
General Partner:		
Common equity (66,002,487 and 65,527,993 units issued and outstanding, respectively)	6,290,140	6,224,276
	<u>6,290,140</u>	<u>6,224,276</u>
Limited Partners:		
Common equity (2,251,112 and 2,237,290 units issued and outstanding, respectively)	49,498	49,436
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(21,627)	(29,348)
Total partners' capital	<u>6,318,011</u>	<u>6,244,364</u>
Noncontrolling interest	65,883	47,873
Total capital	<u>6,383,894</u>	<u>6,292,237</u>
Total liabilities and capital	<u>\$ 12,512,523</u>	<u>\$ 12,217,408</u>

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

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:				
Rental and other property	\$ 341,974	\$ 327,078	\$ 1,011,908	\$ 958,818
Management and other fees from affiliates	2,395	2,093	6,927	6,145
	<u>344,369</u>	<u>329,171</u>	<u>1,018,835</u>	<u>964,963</u>
Expenses:				
Property operating, excluding real estate taxes	66,606	63,781	193,632	185,390
Real estate taxes	37,531	35,580	108,283	104,540
Depreciation and amortization	117,451	110,467	350,893	329,847
General and administrative	9,788	9,647	30,726	28,527
Acquisition and investment related costs	324	284	1,154	1,379
	<u>231,700</u>	<u>219,759</u>	<u>684,688</u>	<u>649,683</u>
Earnings from operations	112,669	109,412	334,147	315,280
Interest expense	(55,938)	(56,693)	(167,333)	(164,727)
Total return swap income	2,538	3,143	7,653	9,080
Interest and other income	5,790	4,943	17,916	19,560
Equity income from co-investments	19,727	9,568	40,934	38,932
Loss on early retirement of debt, net	—	(211)	—	(211)
Gain on sale of real estate and land	249	—	26,423	20,258
Deferred tax expense on gain on sale of real estate and land	—	—	—	(4,279)
Gain on remeasurement of co-investment	—	—	88,641	—
Net income	<u>85,035</u>	<u>70,162</u>	<u>348,381</u>	<u>233,893</u>
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(2,591)	(2,378)	(7,646)	(7,026)
Net income attributable to controlling interest	<u>82,444</u>	<u>67,784</u>	<u>340,735</u>	<u>226,867</u>
Preferred interest distributions	—	—	—	(1,314)
Excess of redemption value of preferred units over the carrying value	—	—	—	(2,541)
Net income available to common unitholders	<u>\$ 82,444</u>	<u>\$ 67,784</u>	<u>\$ 340,735</u>	<u>\$ 223,012</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 88,870</u>	<u>\$ 73,173</u>	<u>\$ 356,102</u>	<u>\$ 235,874</u>
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(2,591)	(2,378)	(7,646)	(7,026)
Comprehensive income attributable to controlling interest	<u>\$ 86,279</u>	<u>\$ 70,795</u>	<u>\$ 348,456</u>	<u>\$ 228,848</u>
Per unit data:				
Basic:				
Net income available to common unitholders	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.01	\$ 3.30
Weighted average number of common units outstanding during the period	<u>68,246,008</u>	<u>67,728,621</u>	<u>68,011,123</u>	<u>67,679,240</u>
Diluted:				
Net income available to common unitholders	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.29
Weighted average number of common units outstanding during the period	<u>68,329,395</u>	<u>67,838,503</u>	<u>68,088,638</u>	<u>67,802,897</u>
Distribution per common unit	<u>\$ 1.75</u>	<u>\$ 1.60</u>	<u>\$ 5.25</u>	<u>\$ 4.80</u>

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	General Partner		Limited Partners		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Noncontrolling Interest	Total
	Common Equity		Common Equity				
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount			
Balances at December 31, 2016	65,528	\$6,224,276	2,237	\$ 49,436	\$ (29,348)	\$ 47,873	\$ 6,292,237
Net income	—	329,446	—	11,289	—	7,646	348,381
Reversal of unrealized gains upon the sale of marketable securities	—	—	—	—	(1,650)	—	(1,650)
Change in fair value of derivatives and amortization of swap settlements	—	—	—	—	7,405	—	7,405
Change in fair value of marketable securities, net	—	—	—	—	1,966	—	1,966
Issuance of common units under:							
General partner's stock based compensation, net	160	24,079	—	—	—	—	24,079
Sale of common stock by general partner, net	312	80,377	—	—	—	—	80,377
Equity based compensation costs	—	3,814	16	1,080	—	—	4,894
Changes in redemption value of redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	(916)	—	78	—	(65)	(903)
Contributions from noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	22,506	22,506
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	(9,092)	(9,092)
Redemptions	2	(25,167)	(2)	(405)	—	(2,985)	(28,557)
Distributions declared	—	(345,769)	—	(11,980)	—	—	(357,749)
Balances at September 30, 2017	66,002	\$6,290,140	2,251	\$ 49,498	\$ (21,627)	\$ 65,883	\$ 6,383,894

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 348,381	\$ 233,893
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	350,893	329,847
Amortization of discount on marketable securities and other investments	(11,128)	(10,771)
Amortization of (premium) discount and debt financing costs, net	(5,132)	(11,432)
Gain on sale of marketable securities and other investments	(1,650)	(2,876)
Company's share of gain on the sales of co-investment	(10,058)	(13,046)
Earnings from co-investments	(30,876)	(25,886)
Operating distributions from co-investments	47,702	45,342
Gain on the sale of real estate and land	(26,423)	(20,258)
Equity-based compensation	4,894	4,436
Loss on early retirement of debt	—	211
Gain on remeasurement of co-investment	(88,641)	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expense, receivables and other assets	(7,862)	656
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	50,788	49,961
Other liabilities	399	420
Net cash provided by operating activities	621,287	580,497
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to real estate:		
Acquisitions of real estate and acquisition related capital expenditures	(200,028)	(124,054)
Redevelopment	(50,642)	(62,983)
Development acquisitions of and additions to real estate under development	(92,936)	(58,575)
Capital expenditures on rental properties	(46,455)	(40,503)
Investments in notes receivable	(76,961)	(4,375)
Proceeds from insurance for property losses	648	3,288
Proceeds from dispositions of real estate	132,039	48,008
Contributions to co-investments	(231,552)	(121,972)
Changes in restricted cash and refundable deposits	91,209	65,858
Purchases of marketable securities	(65,668)	(18,779)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities and other investments	33,377	14,708
Non-operating distributions from co-investments	112,572	34,564
Net cash used in investing activities	(394,397)	(264,815)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from unsecured debt and mortgage notes	597,981	499,724
Payments on unsecured debt and mortgage notes	(460,040)	(244,583)
Proceeds from lines of credit	564,833	321,373
Repayments of lines of credit	(687,224)	(336,373)
Repayment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock	—	(73,750)
Additions to deferred charges	(4,108)	(5,300)
Net proceeds from issuance of common units	80,377	(382)
Net proceeds from stock options exercised	24,079	17,878
Payments related to tax withholding for share-based compensation	(118)	(222)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(5,568)	(5,171)
Redemption of noncontrolling interest	(4,849)	(2,435)
Redemption of redeemable noncontrolling interest	(720)	—

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Common and preferred units and preferred interest distributions paid	(349,947)	(320,957)
Net cash used in financing activities	(245,304)	(150,198)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(18,414)	165,484
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	64,921	29,683
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 46,507	\$ 195,167
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest, net of \$10.0 million and \$9.4 million capitalized in 2017 and 2016, respectively	\$ 148,742	\$ 140,183
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Issuance of DownREIT units in connection with acquisition of real estate	\$ 22,506	\$ —
Transfers between real estate under development to rental properties, net	\$ 2,195	\$ 106,255
Transfer from real estate under development to co-investments	\$ 4,122	\$ 8,332
Reclassifications to (from) redeemable noncontrolling interest to or from general partner capital and noncontrolling interest	\$ 903	\$ (1,343)
Debt assumed in connection with acquisition	\$ 51,882	\$ 48,832

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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 its subsidiaries (the "Operating Partnership," which holds the operating assets of the Company), prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. 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, 2016.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the unaudited 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 nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 include the accounts of the Company and the Operating Partnership. Essex is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, with a 96.7% general partnership interest as of both September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016. Total Operating Partnership limited partnership units ("OP Units") outstanding were 2,251,112 and 2,237,290 as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and the redemption value of the units, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock totaled \$571.8 million and \$520.2 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

As of September 30, 2017, the Company owned or had ownership interests in 247 stabilized apartment communities, aggregating 60,305 apartment homes, excluding the Company's ownership in preferred interest co-investments (collectively, the "Communities", and individually, a "Community"), one operating commercial building and seven active developments (collectively, the "Portfolio"). The Communities are located in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Ventura counties), Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area) and the Seattle metropolitan areas.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers." The new standard provides a single comprehensive revenue recognition model for contracts with customers (excluding certain contracts, such as lease contracts) to improve comparability within industries. The new standard requires an entity to recognize revenue to reflect the transfer of goods or services to customers at an amount the entity expects to be paid in exchange for those goods and services and provide enhanced disclosures, all to provide more comprehensive guidance for transactions such as service revenue and contract modifications. In August 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date of the new standard by one year, and it is now effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The new standard may be applied using either a full retrospective or a modified approach upon adoption. The Company does not expect to early adopt and expects to adopt using the modified approach. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new standard will have on its recording of revenue related to its revenue streams and related disclosures. The Company does not expect that the adoption of this new standard will have a material effect on its consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01 "Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities", which requires changes to the classification and measurement of investments in certain equity securities and to the presentation of certain fair value changes for financial liabilities measured at fair value. The new standard will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect that this amendment will have a material effect on its consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02 "Leases", which requires an entity that is a lessee to classify leases as either finance or operating and to recognize a lease liability and a right-of-use asset for all leases that have a duration of greater than 12 months. Leases of 12 months or less will be accounted for similar to existing guidance for operating leases today. For lessors, accounting for leases under the new standard will be substantially the same as existing guidance for sales-type leases, direct financing leases, and operating leases, but eliminates current real estate specific provisions and changes the treatment of

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initial direct costs. The new standard will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2019 and early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The new standard must be applied using a modified retrospective approach. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this amendment on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13 "Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments", which amends the current approach to estimate credit losses on certain financial assets, including trade and other receivables, available-for-sale securities, and other financial instruments. Generally, this amendment requires entities to establish a valuation allowance for the expected lifetime losses of these certain financial assets. Subsequent changes in the valuation allowance are recorded in current earnings and reversal of previous losses are permitted. Currently, U.S. GAAP requires entities to write down credit losses only when losses are probable and loss reversals are not permitted. The new standard will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2020 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this amendment on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15 "Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments", which requires entities to adhere to a uniform classification and presentation of certain cash receipts and cash payments in the statement of cash flows. The amendments in this update provide guidance on eight specific cash flow issues. The new standard will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the impact of this amendment to be material on its consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18 "Statement of Cash Flows", which requires entities to include restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents in the reconciliation of beginning-of-period to the end-of-period of cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows. This new standard seeks to eliminate the current diversity in practice in how changes in restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents is presented in the statement of cash flows. This new standard will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the impact of this amendment to be material on its consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-01 "Business Combinations: Clarifying the Definition of a Business", which provides a new framework for determining whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. Currently, U.S. GAAP does not specify the minimum inputs and processes required for an integrated set of assets and activities to meet the definition of a business, causing a broad interpretation of the definition of a business. This new standard will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. The Company expects that substantially all of its acquisitions of communities will qualify as asset acquisitions and transaction costs related to these acquisitions will be capitalized upon adoption.

In February 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-05 "Other Income - Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Nonfinancial Assets (Subtopic 610-20): Clarifying the Scope of Asset Derecognition Guidance and Accounting for Partial Sales of Nonfinancial Assets", which adds guidance for partial sales of nonfinancial assets, including partial sales of real estate. Historically, U.S. GAAP contained several different accounting models to evaluate whether the transfer of certain assets qualified for sale treatment. This new standard reduces the number of potential accounting models that might apply and clarifies which model does apply in various circumstances. Partial sales of nonfinancial assets are common in the real estate industry and include transactions in which the seller retains an equity interest in the entity that owns the assets or has an equity interest in the buyer. This new standard will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. The Company will adopt this new standard concurrently with the adoption of ASU 2014-09 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" and is currently evaluating the impact of this amendment on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-12 "Derivatives and Hedging - Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities", which, among other things, requires entities to present the earnings effect of hedging instruments in the same income statement line item in which the earnings effect of the hedged item is reported. The new standard also adds new disclosure requirements. This new standard will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2019 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this amendment on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

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Marketable Securities

The Company reports its available for sale securities at fair value, based on quoted market prices (Level 1 for the common stock and investment funds, Level 2 for the unsecured bonds and Level 3 for investments in mortgage backed securities, as defined by the FASB standard for fair value measurements), and any unrealized gain or loss is recorded as other comprehensive income. Realized gains and losses, interest 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 September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, marketable securities consisted primarily of investment-grade unsecured bonds, common stock, investments in mortgage backed securities, and investment funds that invest in U.S. treasury or agency securities. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company classified its investments in mortgage backed securities, which mature in November 2019 and September 2020, as held to maturity, and accordingly, these securities are stated at their amortized cost. The discount on the mortgage backed securities is being amortized to interest income based on an estimated yield and the maturity date of the securities.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, marketable securities consist of the following (\$ in thousands):

	September 30, 2017		
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Carrying Value
<i>Available for sale:</i>			
Investment-grade unsecured bonds	\$ 4,450	\$ (14)	\$ 4,436
Investment funds - debt securities	28,067	146	28,213
Investment funds - U.S. treasuries	10,910	(29)	10,881
Common stock and stock funds	33,816	1,687	35,503
<i>Held to maturity:</i>			
Mortgage backed securities	105,541	—	105,541
Total - Marketable securities	<u>\$ 182,784</u>	<u>\$ 1,790</u>	<u>\$ 184,574</u>
	December 31, 2016		
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Carrying Value
<i>Available for sale:</i>			
Investment funds - debt securities	\$ 19,604	\$ (73)	\$ 19,531
Investment funds - U.S. treasuries	10,022	(22)	10,000
Common stock and stock funds	13,696	1,569	15,265
<i>Held to maturity:</i>			
Mortgage backed securities	94,393	—	94,393
Total - Marketable securities	<u>\$ 137,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,474</u>	<u>\$ 139,189</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 three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the proceeds from sales and maturities of available for sale securities totaled \$4.6 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, which resulted in \$32,000 realized gains and \$1.0 million realized gains, respectively, for such periods. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the proceeds from sales and maturities of available for sale securities totaled \$33.4 million and \$14.7 million, respectively, which resulted in \$1.7 million realized gains and \$2.9 million realized gains, respectively, for such periods.

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Variable Interest Entities

In accordance with accounting standards for consolidation of variable interest entities ("VIEs"), the Company consolidates the Operating Partnership, 16 DownREIT limited partnerships (comprising eight Communities), and eight co-investments as of September 30, 2017. The Company consolidates these entities because it is deemed the primary beneficiary. The Company has no assets or liabilities other than its investment in the Operating Partnership. The consolidated total assets and liabilities related to the eight consolidated co-investments and 16 DownREIT limited partnerships, net of intercompany eliminations, were approximately \$842.7 million and \$278.7 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2017 and \$746.1 million and \$221.3 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2016. Noncontrolling interests in these entities were \$66.1 million and \$45.4 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. The Company's financial risk in each VIE is limited to its equity investment in the VIE. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company did not have any other VIEs of which it was deemed to be the primary beneficiary and did not have any VIEs of which it was not deemed to be the primary beneficiary.

Equity-based Compensation

The cost of share and unit based compensation awards is measured at the grant date based on the estimated fair value of the awards. The estimated fair value of stock options and restricted stock granted by the Company are being amortized over the vesting period. The estimated grant date fair values of the long term incentive plan units (discussed in Note 12, "Equity Based Compensation Plans," in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016) are being amortized over the expected service periods.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Management believes that the carrying amounts of the outstanding balances under its lines of credit, and notes and other receivables approximate fair value as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, 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 \$5.0 billion of fixed rate debt, including unsecured debt, at both September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, was approximately \$5.1 billion. The Company's variable rate debt at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 approximates its fair value based on the terms of existing mortgage notes payable, unsecured debt, 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 September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. Marketable securities, except mortgage backed securities, and derivatives are carried at fair value as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

At September 30, 2017, the Company's investments in mortgage backed securities had a carrying value of \$105.5 million and the Company estimated the fair value to be approximately \$117.6 million. At December 31, 2016, the Company's investments in mortgage backed securities had a carrying value of \$94.4 million and the Company estimated the fair value to be approximately \$108.8 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 \$4.9 million and \$4.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$15.0 million and \$14.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Company capitalizes leasing commissions associated with the lease-up of development communities and amortizes the costs over the life of the leases. The amounts capitalized for leasing commissions are immaterial for all periods presented.

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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. Under the equity method of accounting, the investment is carried at the cost of assets contributed, plus the Company's equity in earnings less distributions received and the Company's share of losses. 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 and comprehensive 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 some of these investments may provide promote income if certain financial return benchmarks are achieved. Asset management fees are recognized when 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 from co-investments.

The Company reports investments in co-investments where accumulated distributions have exceeded the Company's investment as distributions in excess of investments in co-investments in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The net investment of one of the Company's co-investments is less than zero as a result of financing distributions in excess of the Company's investment in that co-investment.

Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net by Component

Essex Property Trust, Inc.
(\$ in thousands)

	Change in fair value and amortization of swap settlements	Unrealized gains/(losses) on available for sale securities	Total
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ (32,963)	\$ 865	\$ (32,098)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification	13,512	1,902	15,414
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	(6,352)	(1,596)	(7,948)
Other comprehensive income	7,160	306	7,466
Balance at September 30, 2017	\$ (25,803)	\$ 1,171	\$ (24,632)

Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, by Component

Essex Portfolio, L.P.
(\$ in thousands):

	Change in fair value and amortization of swap settlements	Unrealized gains/(losses) on available for sale securities	Total
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ (30,161)	\$ 813	\$ (29,348)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification	13,974	1,966	15,940
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	(6,569)	(1,650)	(8,219)
Other comprehensive income	7,405	316	7,721
Balance at September 30, 2017	\$ (22,756)	\$ 1,129	\$ (21,627)

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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.

Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest

The carrying value of redeemable noncontrolling interest in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets was \$40.0 million and \$44.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. The limited partners may redeem their noncontrolling interests for cash in certain circumstances.

The changes to the redemption value of redeemable noncontrolling interests for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 is as follows (\$ in thousands):

Balance at December 31, 2016	\$	44,684
Reclassification due to change in redemption value and other		903
Redemptions		(5,543)
Balance at September 30, 2017	\$	40,044

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements, in accordance with U.S. 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.

(2) Significant Transactions During The Nine Months Ended 2017 and Subsequent Events

Significant Transactions

Acquisitions

In January 2017, the Company purchased its joint venture partner's 50.0% interest in Palm Valley, for a contract price of \$183.0 million. Prior to the purchase, an approximately \$220.0 million mortgage encumbered the property. Concurrent with the closing of the acquisition, the entire mortgage balance was repaid and the property is now unencumbered. Palm Valley has 1,098 apartment homes, within four communities, and is located in San Jose, CA. As a result of this acquisition, the Company realized a gain on remeasurement of co-investment of \$88.6 million upon consolidation.

In March 2017, the Company converted its existing \$15.3 million preferred equity investment in Sage at Cupertino, a 230 apartment home community located in San Jose, CA, into a 40.5% common equity ownership interest in the property. The Company issued DownREIT units to the other members, including an affiliate of the Marcus & Millichap Company, based on an estimated property valuation of \$90.0 million. See Note 5, Related Party Transactions, for additional details. At the time of acquisition, the property was encumbered by a \$52.0 million bridge loan from the Company. The Company consolidates the property based on a VIE analysis performed by the Company.

The consolidated fair value of acquired communities listed in the preceding paragraphs above were included on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet as follows: \$169.5 million was included in land and land improvements, \$365.7 million was included in buildings and improvements, and \$3.2 million was included in prepaid expenses and other assets.

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In August 2017, a Company co-investment, Wesco V, LLC ("Wesco V") acquired 8th & Republican, a 211 apartment home community located in Seattle, WA, for a total contract price of \$101.3 million. The property is encumbered by a \$55.0 million related party bridge loan from the Company, which accrues interest at 3.5% and is scheduled to mature on December 16, 2017. See the "Co-Investments" section below for further details related to the creation of Wesco V. See Note 5, Related Party Transactions, for additional details related to the related party bridge loan.

Also in August 2017, Wesco V acquired 360 Residences, a 213 apartment home community, located in San Jose, CA, for a total contract price of \$133.5 million. In connection with this acquisition, Wesco V assumed \$57.9 million of mortgage debt, with an effective interest rate of 3.4% and a maturity date of May 2022.

Dispositions

In January 2017, the Company sold Jefferson at Hollywood, a 270 apartment home community located in Los Angeles, CA, for \$132.5 million, resulting in a gain of \$26.2 million.

In August 2017, a Company co-investment, Wesco I, LLC ("Wesco I") sold Madrid, a 230 apartment home community located in Mission Viejo, CA, for \$83.0 million, which resulted in a gain of \$10.1 million for the Company, recorded in the statement of income as equity income in co-investments. Wesco I used \$30.1 million of proceeds to repay the loan on the property.

Preferred Equity Investments

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company made commitments to fund \$89.3 million in five preferred equity investments, located in Irvine, CA, Seattle, WA, Marina del Rey, CA, Woodland Hills, CA, and San Jose, CA. These investments have initial accrued preferred returns ranging from 9.5% - 11.0%, with maturities ranging from March 2020 to August 2024. As of September 30, 2017, the Company has funded \$38.0 million of the \$89.3 million commitment.

In April 2017, the Company received cash of \$12.6 million from the partial redemption of a preferred equity investment in a joint venture that holds a property located in Seattle, WA. The Company recorded a reduction of \$12.4 million in its preferred equity investment. The Company recognized a gain of \$0.3 million as a result of this early redemption, which is included in equity income from co-investments in the condensed consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.

In August 2017, the Company received cash of \$11.7 million for a full redemption of a preferred equity investment class and \$6.9 million for a partial redemption of another preferred equity investment class in a joint venture that holds a property in San Jose, CA. The Company's remaining preferred equity investment in this joint venture was \$13.4 million as of September 30, 2017.

Notes Receivable

In May 2017, the Company made a commitment to fund a mezzanine loan of \$13.2 million to a limited liability company that owns a development project located in Anaheim, CA. The investment will initially accrue interest based on a 10.0% compounded return. This investment is scheduled to mature in May 2021. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had fully funded the \$13.2 million commitment.

Co-investments

In August 2017, the Company formed a new joint venture entity, Wesco V, with an institutional partner. Each partner has a 50.0% ownership interest and an initial equity commitment of \$150.0 million. The joint venture is unconsolidated for financial reporting purposes.

Senior Unsecured Debt

In March 2017, the Company paid off \$300.0 million of 5.500% senior unsecured notes.

In April 2017, the Company issued \$350.0 million of 10-year 3.625% senior unsecured notes. The interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year commencing on November 1, 2017 until the maturity date of May 1, 2027.

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The Company used the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness under its unsecured lines of credit and for other general corporate and working capital purposes.

Private Placement Bond Redemption

In July 2017, the Company repaid \$40.0 million in private placement bonds with a coupon rate of 4.5% and a stated maturity date of September 2017. This represented the total outstanding balance of these unsecured bonds.

Common Stock

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company issued 311,873 shares of common stock, through our equity distribution program at an average price of \$260.30 per share for proceeds of \$80.4 million, net of fees and commissions. There were no such sales during the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Subsequent to quarter end through October 30, 2017, the Company issued 33,571 additional shares of common stock through its equity distribution program at an average price of \$261.19 per share for proceeds of \$8.7 million, net of fees and commissions.

Subsequent Events

In October 2017, the Company entered into an amendment to the Wesco I operating agreement to extend the joint venture. Under the amendment, the Company received an additional ownership interest in exchange for promote interest earned which is expected to be approximately \$38.0 million. As a result of the amendment, the Company's ownership interest in Wesco I increased to approximately 58.0%.

In October 2017, the Company made a commitment to fund a \$40.0 million preferred equity investment in a multifamily development project located in Los Angeles, CA with an accrued initial preferred return of 11.3% and an October 2021 maturity date.

(3) Co-investments

The Company has joint ventures and preferred equity investments in co-investments which are accounted for under the equity method. The co-investments own, operate, and develop apartment communities. The carrying values of the Company's co-investments as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 are as follows (in thousands, except in parenthetical):

	Weighted Average Essex Ownership Percentage	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Membership interest/Partnership interest in:			
CPPIB	54%	\$ 502,419	\$ 422,068
Wesco I, III, IV, and V	50%	225,041	180,687
Palm Valley ⁽¹⁾	50%	—	68,396
BEXAEW	50%	45,523	47,963
BEX II ⁽²⁾	50%	(36,245)	19,078
Other	53%	40,471	43,713
Total operating and other co-investments, net		777,209	781,905
Total development co-investments, net	50%	85,670	157,317
Total preferred interest co-investments (includes related party investments of \$20.7 million and \$35.9 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)		225,453	222,053
Total co-investments, net		\$ 1,088,332	\$ 1,161,275

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(1) In January 2017, the Company purchased its joint venture partner's 50.0% interest in Palm Valley and as a result of this acquisition, the Company consolidates Palm Valley.

(2) This co-investment was classified as a liability as of September 30, 2017.

The combined summarized entity financial information of co-investments and preferred equity investments is as follows (\$ in thousands).

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Combined balance sheets:		
Rental properties and real estate under development	\$ 3,671,101	\$ 3,807,245
Other assets	111,372	121,505
Total assets	\$ 3,782,473	\$ 3,928,750
Debt	\$ 1,597,597	\$ 1,617,639
Other liabilities	65,865	74,607
Equity ⁽¹⁾	2,119,011	2,236,504
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 3,782,473	\$ 3,928,750
Company's share of equity	\$ 1,088,332	\$ 1,161,275

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Combined statements of income:				
Property revenues	\$ 76,303	\$ 72,124	\$ 224,319	\$ 216,434
Property operating expenses	(27,753)	(24,976)	(79,028)	(75,377)
Net operating income	48,550	47,148	145,291	141,057
Gain on sale of real estate	10,058	—	10,058	28,291
Interest expense	(13,718)	(10,978)	(39,663)	(35,260)
General and administrative	(2,452)	(1,496)	(6,147)	(4,276)
Depreciation and amortization	(27,884)	(25,569)	(84,211)	(79,676)
Net income	\$ 14,554	\$ 9,105	\$ 25,328	\$ 50,136
Company's share of net income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 19,727	\$ 9,568	\$ 40,934	\$ 38,932

(1) 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. Includes related party income of \$0.5 million and \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$1.5 million and \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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(4) Notes and Other Receivables

Notes receivable, secured by real estate, and other receivables consist of the following as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 (\$ in thousands):

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Notes receivable, secured, bearing interest at 10.00%, due May 2021	\$ 13,416	\$ —
Notes receivable, secured, bearing interest at 10.75%, due September 2020	28,532	17,685
Related party note receivable, secured, bearing interest at 9.50%, due October 2019 ⁽¹⁾	6,599	6,593
Related party note receivable, secured, bearing interest at 3.50%, due December 2017 ⁽¹⁾	55,000	—
Notes and other receivables from affiliates ⁽²⁾	3,981	4,695
Other receivables	14,029	11,997
Total notes and other receivables	\$ 121,557	\$ 40,970

(1) See Note 5, Related Party Transactions, for additional details.

(2) These amounts consist of short-term loans outstanding and due from various joint ventures as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. See Note 5, Related Party Transactions, for additional details.

(5) Related Party Transactions

The Company charges certain fees relating to its co-investments for asset management, property management, development, and redevelopment services. These fees from affiliates totaled \$3.1 million during both the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, and \$9.0 million and \$9.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. All of these fees are net of intercompany amounts eliminated by the Company. The Company netted development and redevelopment fees of \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million against general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$2.1 million and \$3.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, 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 New York Stock Exchange.

In March 2017, the Company converted its existing \$15.3 million preferred equity investment in Sage at Cupertino, a 230 apartment home community located in San Jose, CA, into a 40.5% common equity ownership interest in the property. The Company issued DownREIT units to the other members, including an MMC affiliate, based on an estimated property valuation of \$90.0 million. At the time of the conversion, the property was encumbered by \$52.0 million of mortgage debt. As a result of this transaction, the Company consolidates the property, based on a VIE analysis performed by the Company.

In 2015, the Company made preferred equity investments totaling \$20.0 million in three entities affiliated with MMC that own apartment communities in California. The Company earns a 9.5% preferred return on each such investment, all of which are scheduled to mature in 2022.

As described in Note 4, the Company has provided short-term loans to affiliates. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$4.0 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, of short-term loans remained outstanding due from joint venture affiliates and is classified within notes and other receivables in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. In November 2016, the Company provided a \$6.6 million mezzanine loan to a limited liability company in which MMC holds a significant ownership interest through subsidiaries. The mezzanine loan is classified within notes and other receivables in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and had an outstanding balance of \$6.6 million as of both September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

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In August 2017, the Company provided a \$55.0 million related party bridge loan to a property acquired by Wesco V. The note receivable accrues interest at 3.5% and is scheduled to mature on December 16, 2017. The bridge loan is classified within notes and other receivables in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and had an outstanding balance of \$55.0 million as of September 30, 2017, and no balance as of December 31, 2016.

(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):

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	Weighted Average Maturity In Years
Unsecured bonds private placement - fixed rate	\$ 274,378	\$ 314,190	3.3
Term loan - variable rate	348,457	98,189	4.4
Bonds public offering - fixed rate	2,878,311	2,834,400	6.7
Unsecured debt, net ⁽¹⁾	3,501,146	3,246,779	
Lines of credit ⁽²⁾	2,609	125,000	
Mortgage notes payable, net ⁽³⁾	2,111,467	2,191,481	5.4
Total debt, net	\$ 5,615,222	\$ 5,563,260	
Weighted average interest rate on fixed rate unsecured bonds private placement and bonds public offering	3.7%	3.6%	
Weighted average interest rate on variable rate term loan	2.4%	2.3%	
Weighted average interest rate on lines of credit	1.9%	1.8%	
Weighted average interest rate on mortgage notes payable	4.2%	4.3%	

(1) Includes unamortized discount of \$5.0 million and \$0.1 million and unamortized debt issuance costs of \$18.9 million and \$18.1 million, as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

(2) Lines of credit, related to the Company's two lines of unsecured credit aggregating \$1.03 billion as of September 30, 2017, excludes unamortized debt issuance costs of \$3.4 million and \$3.3 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. These debt issuance costs are included in prepaid expenses and other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company's \$1.0 billion credit facility had an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.90%, which is based on a tiered rate structure tied to the Company's credit ratings. In January 2017, the Company's \$1.0 billion credit facility's maturity date was extended to December 2020 with one 18-month extension, exercisable at the Company's option. The Company's \$25.0 million working capital unsecured line of credit had an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.90%, which is based on a tiered rate structure tied to the Company's credit ratings. The \$25.0 million credit facility matures in January 2018.

(3) Includes unamortized premium of \$37.4 million and \$50.8 million, reduced by unamortized debt issuance costs of \$6.0 million and \$7.4 million, as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

The aggregate scheduled principal payments of the Company's outstanding debt as of September 30, 2017 are as follows (excluding lines of credit) (\$ in thousands):

Remaining in 2017	\$ 7,719
2018	257,108
2019	661,318
2020	694,887
2021	544,810
Thereafter	3,439,209
Total	\$ 5,605,051

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(7) Segment Information

The Company's segment disclosures present the measure used by the chief operating decision makers for purposes of assessing each segment's performance. Essex's chief operating decision makers are comprised of several members of its executive management team who use net operating income ("NOI") to assess the performance of the business for the Company's reportable operating segments. NOI represents total property revenue less direct property operating expenses.

The executive management team evaluates the Company's operating performance geographically. 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 NOI are management and other fees from affiliates and interest and other income. Non-segment revenues and NOI included in the following schedule also consist of revenue generated from commercial properties and properties that have been sold. Other non-segment assets include real estate under development, co-investments, real estate held for sale, net, cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, notes and other receivables, and prepaid expenses and other assets.

The revenues and NOI for each of the reportable operating segments are summarized as follows for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (\$ in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:				
Southern California	\$ 150,413	\$ 142,112	\$ 445,296	\$ 417,114
Northern California	127,673	115,318	377,531	338,761
Seattle Metro	58,285	55,543	171,564	161,192
Other real estate assets	5,603	14,105	17,517	41,751
Total property revenues	\$ 341,974	\$ 327,078	\$ 1,011,908	\$ 958,818
Net operating income:				
Southern California	\$ 102,699	\$ 96,486	\$ 305,894	\$ 284,345
Northern California	91,018	83,042	271,224	243,876
Seattle Metro	39,674	37,688	116,733	109,352
Other real estate assets	4,446	10,501	16,142	31,315
Total net operating income	237,837	227,717	709,993	668,888
Management and other fees from affiliates	2,395	2,093	6,927	6,145
Depreciation and amortization	(117,451)	(110,467)	(350,893)	(329,847)
General and administrative	(9,788)	(9,647)	(30,726)	(28,527)
Acquisition and investment related costs	(324)	(284)	(1,154)	(1,379)
Interest expense	(55,938)	(56,693)	(167,333)	(164,727)
Total return swap income	2,538	3,143	7,653	9,080
Interest and other income	5,790	4,943	17,916	19,560
Equity income from co-investments	19,727	9,568	40,934	38,932
Loss on early retirement of debt	—	(211)	—	(211)
Gain on sale of real estate and land	249	—	26,423	20,258
Deferred tax expense on gain on sale of real estate and land	—	—	—	(4,279)
Gain on remeasurement of co-investment	—	—	88,641	—
Net income	\$ 85,035	\$ 70,162	\$ 348,381	\$ 233,893

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Total assets for each of the reportable operating segments are summarized as follows as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 (\$ in thousands):

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets:		
Southern California	\$ 4,822,941	\$ 4,924,792
Northern California	4,241,460	3,791,549
Seattle Metro	1,532,784	1,570,340
Other real estate assets	56,079	78,079
Net reportable operating segment - real estate assets	10,653,264	10,364,760
Real estate under development	313,825	190,505
Co-investments	1,124,577	1,161,275
Real estate held for sale, net	—	101,957
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash	63,273	170,302
Marketable securities	184,574	139,189
Notes and other receivables	121,557	40,970
Prepaid expenses and other assets	51,453	48,450
Total assets	<u>\$ 12,512,523</u>	<u>\$ 12,217,408</u>

(8) Net Income Per Common Share and Net Income Per Common Unit

(\$ in thousands, except share and unit data)

Essex Property Trust, Inc.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017			Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		
	Income	Weighted-average Common Shares	Per Common Share Amount	Income	Weighted-average Common Shares	Per Common Share Amount
Basic:						
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 79,723	65,994,896	<u>\$ 1.21</u>	\$ 65,561	65,507,669	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
Effect of Dilutive Securities:						
Stock options	—	83,387		—	109,882	
Diluted:						
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 79,723	66,078,283	<u>\$ 1.21</u>	\$ 65,561	65,617,551	<u>\$ 1.00</u>

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016		
	Income	Weighted-average Common Shares	Per Common Share Amount	Income	Weighted-average Common Shares	Per Common Share Amount
Basic:						
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 329,446	65,759,450	\$ 5.01	\$ 215,555	65,455,004	\$ 3.29
Effect of Dilutive Securities:						
Stock options	—	77,515		—	123,657	
Diluted:						
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 329,446	65,836,965	\$ 5.00	\$ 215,555	65,578,661	\$ 3.29

The table above excludes from the calculations of diluted earnings per share weighted average convertible OP Units of 2,251,112 and 2,220,952 , which include vested Series Z Incentive Units, Series Z-1 Incentive Units, 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan Units, and 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan Units for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively, and 2,251,673 and 2,224,236 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively, because they were anti-dilutive. The related income allocated to these convertible OP Units aggregated \$2.7 million and \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively, and \$11.3 million and \$7.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively. Additionally, the table excludes all DownREIT units for which the Operating Partnership has the ability and intention to redeem the DownREIT units for cash and does not consider them to be common stock equivalents.

Stock options of zero and 40,900 for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively, and 2,352 and 76,054 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the assumed proceeds per share of such options plus the average unearned compensation were greater than the average market price of the common stock for the periods ended and, therefore, were anti-dilutive.

Essex Portfolio, L.P.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017			Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		
	Income	Weighted-average Common Units	Per Common Unit Amount	Income	Weighted-average Common Units	Per Common Unit Amount
Basic:						
Net income available to common unitholders	\$ 82,444	68,246,008	\$ 1.21	\$ 67,784	67,728,621	\$ 1.00
Effect of Dilutive Securities:						
Stock options	—	83,387		—	109,882	
Diluted:						
Net income available to common unitholders	\$ 82,444	68,329,395	\$ 1.21	\$ 67,784	67,838,503	\$ 1.00

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016		
	Income	Weighted-average Common Units	Per Common Unit Amount	Income	Weighted-average Common Units	Per Common Unit Amount
Basic:						
Net income available to common unitholders	\$ 340,735	68,011,123	\$ 5.01	\$ 223,012	67,679,240	\$ 3.30
Effect of Dilutive Securities:						
Stock options	—	77,515		—	123,657	
Diluted:						
Net income available to common unitholders	\$ 340,735	68,088,638	\$ 5.00	\$ 223,012	67,802,897	\$ 3.29

Stock options of zero and 40,900 for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively, and 2,352 and 76,054 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per unit because the assumed proceeds per unit of these options plus the average unearned compensation were greater than the average market price of the common unit for the periods ended and, therefore, were anti-dilutive. Additionally, the table excludes all DownREIT units for which the Operating Partnership has the ability and intention to redeem the DownREIT units for cash and does not consider them to be common stock equivalents.

(9) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

As of September 30, 2017 , the Company had entered into interest rate swap contracts with an aggregate notional amount of \$175.0 million that effectively fixed the interest rate on the \$175.0 million unsecured term loan at 2.3% . These derivatives qualify for hedge accounting.

As of September 30, 2017 , the Company had interest rate caps, which are not accounted for as hedges, totaling a notional amount of \$20.7 million that effectively limit the Company's exposure to interest rate risk by providing a ceiling on the underlying variable interest rate for \$20.7 million of the Company's tax exempt variable rate debt.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 , the aggregate carrying value of the interest rate swap contracts was an asset of \$3.8 million and \$4.4 million , respectively, and is included in prepaid expenses and other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The aggregate carrying value of the interest rate caps was zero on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of both September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 .

Hedge ineffectiveness related to cash flow hedges, which is included in interest expense on the condensed consolidated income statements, net was not significant for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 .

Additionally, the Company has entered into total return swaps that effectively convert \$256.8 million of mortgage notes payable to a floating interest rate based on the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Municipal Swap Index ("SIFMA") plus a spread. The total return swaps provide fair market value protection on the mortgage notes payable to the counterparties during the initial period of the total return swap until the Company's option to call the mortgage notes at par can be exercised. The Company can currently call all total return swaps with \$256.8 million of the outstanding debt at par. These derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting and had a carrying and fair value of zero at both September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 . These total return swaps are scheduled to mature between September 2021 and November 2022 . Realized gains of \$2.5 million and \$3.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$7.7 million and \$9.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, are reported in the condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income as total return swap income.

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(10) Commitments and Contingencies

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 is subject to various federal, state, and local environmental laws. 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 associated with it, and, if an outcome is probable, accrue an appropriate liability for that matter. The Company will consider whether any such matter results in an impairment of value on the affected property and, if so, impairment will be recognized.

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

The following discussion and analysis 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 2016 annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. We make statements in this section that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. For a complete discussion of forward-looking statements, see the section in this Form 10-Q entitled "Forward Looking Statements."

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 September 30, 2017, had an approximately 96.7% 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, redevelopment, and disposition activities to markets that will optimize the performance of the portfolio.

As of September 30, 2017, the Company had ownership interests in 247 stabilized apartment communities, comprising 60,305 apartment homes, excluding the Company's ownership in preferred equity interest co-investments, and the Company also had ownership interests in one operating commercial building with approximately 106,564 square feet and seven active developments. The Company's apartment communities are predominately located in the following major regions:

Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Ventura counties)

Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area)

Seattle Metro (Seattle metropolitan area)

As of September 30, 2017, the Company's development pipeline was comprised of four consolidated projects under development, three unconsolidated joint venture projects under development, and various consolidated predevelopment projects aggregating 2,158 apartment homes, with total incurred costs of \$0.6 billion, and estimated remaining project costs of \$0.8 billion, \$0.5 billion of which represents the Company's estimated remaining costs, for total estimated project costs of \$1.4 billion.

The Company's consolidated apartment communities are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2017		As of September 30, 2016	
	Apartment Homes	%	Apartment Homes	%
Southern California	23,343	47%	23,949	49%
Northern California	15,848	32%	14,865	30%
Seattle Metro	10,238	21%	10,239	21%
Total	49,429	100%	49,053	100%

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

Comparison of the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

The Company's average financial occupancies for the Company's stabilized apartment communities or "Same-Property" (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the quarters ended September 30, 2017 and 2016) was 96.7% and 96.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , 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 homes, with occupied apartment homes valued at contractual rental rates pursuant to leases and vacant apartment homes valued at estimated market rents. We believe that financial occupancy is a meaningful measure of occupancy because it considers the value of each vacant apartment home 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 apartment homes. The Company may increase or decrease these rates based on a variety of factors, including overall supply and demand for housing, concentration of new apartment deliveries within the same submarket which can cause periodic disruption due to greater rental concessions to increase leasing velocity, and rental affordability. Financial occupancy may not completely reflect short-term trends in physical occupancy and financial occupancy rates, and the Company's calculation of financial occupancy may not be comparable to financial occupancy disclosed by other REITs.

The Company does not take into account delinquency and concessions to calculate actual rent for occupied apartment homes and market rents for vacant apartment homes. The calculation of financial occupancy compares contractual rates for occupied apartment homes to estimated market rents for unoccupied apartment homes, and thus the calculation compares the gross value of all apartment homes 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 Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Southern California	96.8%	96.7%
Northern California	96.9%	96.5%
Seattle Metro	96.2%	96.1%

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

	Number of Apartment	Three Months Ended September 30,		Dollar	Percentage
Property Revenues (\$ in thousands)	Homes	2017	2016	Change	Change
Same-Property Revenues:					
Southern California	21,998	\$ 141,203	\$ 136,368	\$ 4,835	3.5%
Northern California	13,892	109,820	108,156	1,664	1.5%
Seattle Metro	10,238	58,285	55,545	2,740	4.9%
Total Same-Property Revenues	46,128	309,308	300,069	9,239	3.1%
Non-Same Property Revenues		32,666	27,009	5,657	20.9%
Total Property Revenues		\$ 341,974	\$ 327,078	\$ 14,896	4.6%

Same-Property Revenues increased by \$9.2 million or 3.1% to \$309.3 million in the third quarter of 2017 from \$300.1 million in the third quarter of 2016 . The increase was primarily attributable to an increase of 3.0% in average rental rates from \$2,118 per apartment home in the third quarter of 2016 to \$2,182 per apartment home in the third quarter of 2017 .

Non-Same Property Revenues increased by \$5.7 million or 20.9% to \$32.7 million in the third quarter of 2017 from \$27.0 million in the third quarter of 2016 . The increase was primarily due to revenue generated by the consolidation of Palm Valley in January 2017.

Management and other fees from affiliates increased by \$0.3 million or 14.3% to \$2.4 million in the third quarter of 2017 from \$2.1 million in the third quarter of 2016 , primarily due to property management fee revenue from joint venture development communities that went into lease-up from the third quarter of 2016 through the third quarter of 2017 .

Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes increased \$2.8 million or 4.4% to \$66.6 million for the third quarter of 2017 compared \$63.8 million for the third quarter of 2016 primarily due to an increase of \$1.5 million in utilities expense. Same-Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes, increased by \$2.1 million or 3.6% for the third quarter of 2017 compared to the third quarter of 2016 , primarily due to a \$1.3 million increase in utilities.

Real estate taxes increased \$1.9 million or 5.3% to \$37.5 million for the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$35.6 million for the third quarter of 2016 due primarily to the consolidation of Palm Valley in January 2017 and increases in tax rates and property valuations. Same-Property real estate taxes increased by \$0.6 million or 1.9% to \$32.7 million in the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$32.1 million in the third quarter of 2016 primarily due to increases in tax rates and property valuations.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$7.0 million or 6.3% to \$117.5 million for the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$110.5 million for the third quarter of 2016, primarily due to the consolidation of Palm Valley in January 2017.

Interest expense decreased \$0.8 million or 1.4% to \$55.9 million for the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$56.7 million for the third quarter of 2016 , primarily due to various debt that was paid off or matured during and after the third quarter of 2016 , which resulted in a decrease in interest expense of \$4.1 million for the third quarter of 2017, partially offset by an increase primarily due to the \$350.0 million senior unsecured notes due May 1, 2027 issued in April 2017 and the \$450.0 million senior unsecured notes due on April 15, 2026 issued in April 2016, which resulted in \$7.3 million interest expense for the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$4.0 million for the third quarter of 2016 .

Total return swap income of \$2.5 million in the third quarter of 2017 consists of monthly settlements related to the Company's total return swap contracts that were entered into during 2015 in connection with issuing \$257.3 million of fixed rate tax-exempt mortgage notes payable. The decrease of \$0.6 million for the third quarter of 2017 compared to the third quarter of 2016 was due to less favorable interest rates.

Interest and other income increased by \$0.9 million or 18.4% to \$5.8 million for the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$4.9 million for the third quarter of 2016 primarily due to an increase in marketable securities and other interest income of \$1.6 million offset by a \$1.0 million decrease in gain on sale of marketable securities and other investments.

Equity income from co-investments increased \$10.1 million or 105.2% to \$19.7 million for the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$9.6 million for the third quarter of 2016 primarily due to the sale of a property by Wesco I during the third quarter of 2017 , which resulted in a gain of \$10.1 million for the Company.

Comparison of the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

Our average financial occupancies for the Company's stabilized apartment communities or "Same-Property" (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016) was 96.5% and 96.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 , respectively.

The regional breakdown of the Company's Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Southern California	96.5%	96.2%
Northern California	96.8%	96.2%
Seattle Metro	96.3%	95.9%

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

	Number of Apartment	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Dollar	Percentage
Property Revenues (\$ in thousands)	Homes	2017	2016	Change	Change
Same-Property Revenues:					
Southern California	21,998	\$ 417,651	\$ 401,321	\$ 16,330	4.1%
Northern California	13,892	326,880	318,498	8,382	2.6%
Seattle Metro	10,238	171,564	161,193	10,371	6.4%
Total Same-Property Revenues	46,128	916,095	881,012	35,083	4.0%
Non-Same Property Revenues		95,813	77,806	18,007	23.1%
Total Property Revenues		\$ 1,011,908	\$ 958,818	\$ 53,090	5.5%

Same-Property Revenues increased by \$35.1 million or 4.0% to \$916.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from \$881.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 . The increase was primarily attributable to an increase of 3.6% in average rental rates from \$2,084 per apartment home in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 to \$2,159 per apartment home in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 .

Non-Same Property Revenues increased by \$18.0 million or 23.1% to \$95.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from \$77.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 . The increase was primarily due to revenue generated by the consolidation of Palm Valley in January 2017.

Management and other fees from affiliates increased by \$0.8 million or 13.1% to \$6.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from \$6.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 , primarily due to property management fee revenue from joint venture development communities that went into lease-up from the third quarter of 2016 through the third quarter of 2017 .

Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes increased \$8.2 million or 4.4% to \$193.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$185.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 primarily due to the consolidation of Palm Valley in January 2017. Same-Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes, increased by \$5.7 million or 3.3% to \$178.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$172.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 , primarily due to a \$3.3 million increase in utilities and an increase of \$1.3 million in maintenance and repairs.

Real estate taxes increased \$3.8 million or 3.6% to \$108.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$104.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due primarily to the consolidation of Palm Valley in January 2017 and increases in tax rates and property valuations. Same-Property real estate taxes increased by \$2.1 million or 2.2% to \$96.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$94.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 primarily due to increases in tax rates and property valuations.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$21.1 million or 6.4% to \$350.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$329.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 , primarily due to the consolidation of Palm Valley in January 2017.

Interest expense increased \$2.6 million or 1.6% to \$167.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$164.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 , primarily due to the \$350.0 million senior unsecured notes due May 1, 2027 issued in April 2017 and the \$450.0 million senior unsecured notes due on April 15, 2026 issued in April 2016

which resulted in \$18.6 million interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and \$7.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 . The increase was partially offset by various debt that was paid off or matured during and after the nine months ended September 30, 2016 , which resulted in a decrease in interest expense of \$8.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 .

Total return swap income of \$7.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 consists of monthly settlements related to the Company's total return swap contracts that were entered into during 2015 in connection with issuing \$257.3 million of fixed rate tax-exempt mortgage notes payable. The decrease of \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was due to less favorable interest rates.

Interest and other income decreased by \$1.7 million or 8.7% to \$17.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$19.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 primarily due to an decrease of \$3.2 million in income from insurance reimbursements, legal settlements, and other, offset by an increase in marketable securities and other interest income.

Equity income from co-investments increased \$2.0 million or 5.1% to \$40.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$38.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 primarily due to the sale of a property by Wesco I during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 , which resulted in a gain of \$10.1 million, as well as increases in preferred equity income of approximately \$6.2 million. This increase was offset by the sale of two properties by BEXAEW, LLC during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 , which resulted in gains of \$13.0 million for the Company during that period.

Gain on sale of real estate and land increased \$6.1 million or 30.0% to \$26.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$20.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due primarily to a \$26.2 million gain on the sale of Jefferson at Hollywood during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to a \$10.7 million gain on the sale of Harvest Park and a \$9.6 million gain on the sale of the Company's former headquarters office building during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 .

Deferred tax expense on gain on sale of real estate and land of \$4.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was recorded due to the sale of Harvest Park, which was owned by our wholly owned taxable REIT subsidiary. There was no current tax expense on the sale of real estate and land for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as the Harvest Park proceeds were used in a like-kind exchange transaction. There were no such transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Gain on remeasurement of co-investment of \$88.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 resulted from the purchase of the Company's joint venture partner's 50% interest in Palm Valley. There were no such transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 .

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2017 , the Company had \$46.5 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and \$184.6 million in marketable securities, of which \$79.0 million were available for sale. We believe that cash flows generated by our operations, existing cash and cash equivalents, 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.

As of September 30, 2017 , Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's"), and Standard and Poor's ("S&P") credit agencies rate Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Essex Portfolio, L.P. BBB+/Stable, Baa1/Stable, and BBB+/Stable, respectively.

The Company has two unsecured lines of credit aggregating \$1.03 billion. The Company has a \$1.0 billion unsecured line of credit, and as of September 30, 2017 , there were no amounts outstanding on this unsecured line of credit. The underlying interest rate is based on a tiered rate structure tied to the Company's credit ratings and was LIBOR plus 0.90% as of September 30, 2017 . This facility matures in December 2020 with one 18-month extension, exercisable at the Company's option. The Company also has a \$25.0 million working capital unsecured line of credit. This facility matures in January 2018. As of September 30, 2017 , there was \$2.6 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 the Company's credit ratings and was LIBOR plus 0.90% as of September 30, 2017 .

In March 2017, the Company paid off \$300.0 million of 5.500% senior unsecured notes, at maturity.

In April 2017, the Company issued \$350.0 million of 10-year 3.625% senior unsecured notes. The interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year commencing on November 1, 2017 until the maturity date of May 1, 2027. The Company used the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness under its unsecured lines of credit and for other general corporate and working capital purposes.

In July 2017, the Company repaid \$40.0 million in private placement bonds with a coupon rate of 4.5% and a stated maturity date of September 2017.

The Company has entered into equity distribution agreements with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co, Barclays Capital Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Jefferies LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., and UBS Securities LLC. Pursuant to its equity distribution program, during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 , the Company issued 311,873 shares of common stock at an average price of \$260.30 per share, for proceeds of \$80.4 million, net of fees and commissions. There were no such sales during the three months ended September 30, 2017. 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, fund the development pipeline and other general corporate purposes. As of September 30, 2017, the Company may sell an additional 4,688,127 shares under the current equity distribution program. Subsequent to quarter end through October 30, 2017, the Company issued 33,571 additional shares of common stock through its equity distribution program at an average price of \$261.19 per share for proceeds of \$8.7 million , net of fees and commissions.

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 projects as new communities that are being constructed, or are newly constructed and are in a phase of lease-up and have not yet reached stabilized operations. As of September 30, 2017 , the Company's development pipeline was comprised of four consolidated projects under development, three unconsolidated joint venture projects under development and various consolidated predevelopment projects, aggregating 2,158 apartment homes, with total incurred costs of \$0.6 billion , and estimated remaining project costs of approximately \$0.8 billion , \$0.5 billion of which represents the Company's estimated remaining costs, for total estimated project costs of \$1.4 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, construction loans, 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 homes may not be available for rent and, as a result, may have less than stabilized operations. As of September 30, 2017 , the Company had ownership interests in five major redevelopment communities aggregating 1,727 apartment homes with estimated redevelopment costs of \$138.2 million , of which approximately \$49.2 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 caps, 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.

Alternative Capital Sources

The Company utilizes co-investments as an alternative source of capital for acquisitions of both operating and development communities. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had an interest in 1,190 apartment homes of communities actively under development with joint ventures for total estimated costs of \$0.7 billion. Total estimated remaining costs total approximately \$0.4 billion, of which the Company estimates that its remaining investment in these development joint ventures will be approximately \$0.2 billion. In addition, the Company had an interest in 10,876 apartment homes of operating communities with joint ventures for a total book value of \$0.8 billion as of September 30, 2017.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has various unconsolidated interests in certain joint ventures. The Company does not believe that these unconsolidated investments have a materially different impact on its liquidity, cash flows, capital resources, credit or market risk than its consolidated operations. See Note 3, Co-investments, in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for carrying values and combined summarized financial information of these unconsolidated investments.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements, in accordance with U.S. 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 the 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, 2016.

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 (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, including statements regarding the Company's expectations, estimates, assumptions, hopes, intentions, beliefs and strategies regarding the future. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "may," "will," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements regarding the Company's expectations as to the timing of completion of current development and redevelopment projects and the stabilization of such projects, expectations as to the total projected costs of development and redevelopment projects, beliefs as to the adequacy of future cash flows to meet anticipated cash needs, statements regarding Company's financing activities, and the use of proceeds from such activities, and other information that is not historical information.

While the Company's management believes the assumptions underlying its forward-looking statements are reasonable, such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which could 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. Many of these uncertainties and risks are difficult to predict and beyond management's control. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, that the Company will fail to achieve its business objectives, that the actual completion of development and redevelopment projects will be subject to delays, that the stabilization dates of such projects will be delayed, that the total projected costs of current development and redevelopment projects will 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 there may be increased interest rates and operating costs, that future cash flows will be inadequate to meet operating requirements and/or will be insufficient to provide for dividend payments in accordance with REIT requirements, that there may be a downturn in general economic conditions, the real estate industry, and the markets in which the Company's communities are located, that the terms of any refinancing may not be as favorable as the terms of existing indebtedness, as well as those risks, special considerations, and other factors referred to in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). All forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, and the Company assumes no obligation to update or supplement this information for any reason.

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 FFO 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 U.S. GAAP as an indicator of the Company's operating performance or as an alternative to cash from operating activities computed under U.S. 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 U.S. 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 and Core FFO provide investors with additional bases 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 U.S. 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 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 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 is a reconciliation of net income available to common stockholders to FFO and Core FFO for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands except share and per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 79,723	\$ 65,561	\$ 329,446	\$ 215,555
Adjustments:				
Depreciation and amortization	117,451	110,467	350,893	329,847
Gains not included in Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders	(10,307)	—	(125,122)	(33,304)
Deferred tax expense on sale of real estate and land - taxable REIT subsidiary activity	—	—	—	4,279
Depreciation and amortization add back from unconsolidated co-investments	13,854	12,857	40,335	37,337
Noncontrolling interest related to Operating Partnership units	2,721	2,223	11,289	7,457
Depreciation attributable to third party ownership and other	(23)	(5)	(74)	(3)
Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders	\$ 203,419	\$ 191,103	\$ 606,767	\$ 561,168
Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders per share - diluted	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.81	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.27
Non-core items:				
Acquisition and investment related costs	324	284	1,154	1,379
Gain on sale of marketable securities and other investments	(32)	(1,033)	(1,650)	(2,876)
Interest rate hedge ineffectiveness ⁽¹⁾	1	—	(19)	—
Loss on early retirement of debt	—	211	—	211
Income from early redemption of preferred equity investments	(8)	—	(256)	—
Excess of redemption value of preferred stock over carrying value	—	—	—	2,541
Insurance reimbursements, legal settlements, and other, net	335	(31)	310	(4,041)
Core Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders	\$ 204,039	\$ 190,534	\$ 606,306	\$ 558,382
Core Funds from Operations attributable to common stockholders and unitholders per share-diluted	\$ 2.98	\$ 2.81	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.23
Weighted average number shares outstanding diluted ⁽²⁾	68,392,419	67,914,123	68,159,766	67,881,126

(1) Interest rate swaps generally are adjusted to fair value through other comprehensive income (loss). However, because certain of our interest rate swaps do not have a 0% LIBOR floor, while related hedged debt in these cases is subject to a 0% LIBOR floor, the portion of the change in fair value of these interest rate swaps attributable to this mismatch, if any, is recorded as a non-cash interest rate hedge ineffectiveness through interest expense.

(2) Assumes conversion of all dilutive outstanding operating partnership interests in the Operating Partnership and excludes all 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 and Same-Property NOI are 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 September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Earnings from operations	\$ 112,669	\$ 109,412	\$ 334,147	\$ 315,280
Adjustments:				
Depreciation and amortization	117,451	110,467	350,893	329,847
Management and other fees from affiliates	(2,395)	(2,093)	(6,927)	(6,145)
General and administrative	9,788	9,647	30,726	28,527
Acquisition and investment related costs	324	284	1,154	1,379
NOI	237,837	227,717	709,993	668,888
Less: Non-Same Property NOI	(22,550)	(18,909)	(68,682)	(54,927)
Same-Property NOI	\$ 215,287	\$ 208,808	\$ 641,311	\$ 613,961

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 September 30, 2017, the Company has entered into five interest rate swap contracts to mitigate the risk of changes in the interest-related cash outflows on \$175.0 million of the Company's five-year unsecured debt. As of September 30, 2017, the Company also had \$281.1 million of variable rate indebtedness, of which \$20.7 million is subject to interest rate cap protection. All of the Company's interest rate swaps are designated as cash flow hedges as of September 30, 2017. 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 September 30, 2017. 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 September 30, 2017.

(in thousands)	Notional Amount	Maturity Date Range	Carrying and Estimated Fair Value	Estimated Carrying Value	
				50 Basis Points	-50 Basis Points
Cash flow hedges:					
Interest rate swaps	\$ 175,000	2022	\$ 3,814	\$ 7,389	\$ 214
Interest rate caps	20,674	2018-2019	—	—	—
Total cash flow hedges	\$ 195,674	2018-2022	\$ 3,814	\$ 7,389	\$ 214

Additionally, the Company has entered into total return swap contracts, with an aggregate notional amount of \$256.8 million that effectively convert \$256.8 million of fixed mortgage notes payable to a floating interest rate based on the SIFMA plus a spread and have a carrying value of zero at September 30, 2017. The Company is exposed to insignificant interest rate risk on these swaps as the related mortgages are callable, at par, by the Company, co-terminus with the termination of any related swap. These derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting.

Interest Rate Sensitive Liabilities

The Company is exposed to interest rate changes primarily as a result of its lines of credit and long-term debt used to maintain liquidity and fund capital expenditures and expansion of the Company's real estate investment portfolio and operations. 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.

For the Years Ended	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Thereafter	Total	Fair value
(in thousands, except for interest rates)								
Fixed rate debt	\$ 7,590	256,567	660,726	694,241	544,103	2,810,732	\$ 4,973,959	\$ 5,102,418
Average interest rate	4.5%	5.7%	4.2%	4.8%	4.3%	3.6%	4.0%	
Variable rate debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,738	541	592	646	707	628,477 ^{(2) (3)}	\$ 633,701	\$ 629,127
Average interest rate	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	2.1%	2.1%	

(1) \$175.0 million is subject to interest rate swap agreements.

(2) \$20.7 million is subject to interest rate caps.

(3) \$256.8 million is subject to total return swaps.

The table incorporates only those exposures that exist as of September 30, 2017 . It does not consider those exposures or positions that could arise after that date. As a result, the Company's 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 September 30, 2017 , 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 Essex's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based upon that evaluation, Essex's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of September 30, 2017 , Essex's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by Essex in the reports that Essex files or submits 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 Essex files or submits 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 September 30, 2017 , that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Essex's internal control over financial reporting.

Essex Portfolio, L.P.

As of September 30, 2017 , the Operating Partnership 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 the Operating Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of September 30, 2017 , the Operating Partnership's 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 the Operating Partnership files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Operating Partnership's management, including Essex's 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 September 30, 2017, 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. While the resolution of any such matter cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company is not currently a party to any legal proceedings nor is any legal proceeding currently threatened against the Company that the Company believes would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 1A: Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in "Part I. Item A. Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which could materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. There have been 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, 2016, as filed with the SEC and available at www.sec.gov. The risks described in our annual report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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 September 30, 2017, the Operating Partnership issued partnership units in private placements in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, in the amounts and for the consideration set forth below:

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, Essex issued an aggregate of 13,726 shares of its common stock upon the exercise of stock options. Essex contributed the proceeds of \$2.0 million from the option exercises during the three months ended September 30, 2017 to the Operating Partnership in exchange for an aggregate of 13,726 OP Units, as required by the Operating Partnership's partnership agreement.

Item 5: Other Information

None.

Item 6: Exhibits

A. Exhibits

<u>12.1</u>	<u>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.</u>
<u>31.1</u>	<u>Certification of Michael J. Schall, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
<u>31.2</u>	<u>Certification of Angela L. Kleiman, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
<u>31.3</u>	<u>Certification of Michael J. Schall, Principal Executive Officer of General Partner, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
<u>31.4</u>	<u>Certification of Angela L. Kleiman, Principal Financial Officer of General Partner, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
<u>32.1</u>	<u>Certification of Michael J. Schall, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
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101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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: November 3, 2017

By: /S/ ANGELA L. KLEIMAN

Angela L. Kleiman

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

Date: November 3, 2017

By: /S/ JOHN FARIAS

John Farias

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.

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

Date: November 3, 2017

By: /S/ ANGELA L. KLEIMAN

Angela L. Kleiman

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
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Date: November 3, 2017

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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)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	2016	Years Ended December 31, 2015	2014	2013
Earnings before fixed charges:					
Income before discontinued operations	\$ 348,381	\$ 438,410	\$ 248,239	\$ 134,438	\$ 140,882
Interest expense	167,333	219,654	204,827	164,551	116,524
Interest portion of rental expense	928	1,151	559	267	136
Total earnings before fixed charges	\$ 516,642	\$ 659,215	\$ 453,625	\$ 299,256	\$ 257,542
Fixed charges:					
Interest expense	\$ 167,333	\$ 219,654	\$ 204,827	\$ 164,551	\$ 116,524
Capitalized interest	10,014	12,486	15,571	22,510	16,486
Interest portion of rental expense	928	1,151	559	267	136
Total fixed charges	\$ 178,275	\$ 233,291	\$ 220,957	\$ 187,328	\$ 133,146
Preferred stock dividends	—	1,314	5,255	5,291	5,472
Total fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	\$ 178,275	\$ 234,605	\$ 226,212	\$ 192,619	\$ 138,618
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (excluding preferred stock dividends)					
	2.90 X	2.83 X	2.05 X	1.60 X	1.93 X
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends					
	2.90 X	2.81 X	2.01 X	1.55 X	1.86 X

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

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	Years Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Earnings before fixed charges:					
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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(s) 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 controls 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 control 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(s) 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: November 3, 2017

/s/ Michael J. Schall

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

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

I, Angela L. Kleiman, 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(s) 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 controls 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 control 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(s) 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: November 3, 2017

/s/ Angela L. Kleiman

Angela L. Kleiman
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Essex Property Trust, Inc.

ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.
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 Portfolio, L.P.;
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(s) 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 controls 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 control 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(s) 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: November 3, 2017

/s/ Michael J. Schall

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

ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.
Certification of Chief Financial Officer
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Angela L. Kleiman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Essex Portfolio, L.P.;
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(s) 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 controls 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 control 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(s) 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: November 3, 2017

/s/ Angela L. Kleiman

Angela L. Kleiman
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Essex Property Trust, Inc., general partner of
Essex Portfolio, L.P.

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.
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 September 30, 2017 (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: November 3, 2017

/s/ Michael J. Schall

Michael J. Schall

Chief Executive Officer and President

Essex Property Trust, Inc.

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.
Certification of Chief Financial 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, Angela L. Kleiman, hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017 (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: November 3, 2017

/s/ Angela L. Kleiman

Angela L. Kleiman

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Essex Property Trust, Inc.

ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.
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 September 30, 2017 (the “Form 10-Q”) of Essex Portfolio, L.P. 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 Portfolio, L.P. at the dates of and for the periods presented.

Date: November 3, 2017

/s/ Michael J. Schall

Michael J. Schall

Chief Executive Officer and President

Essex Property Trust, Inc., general partner of

Essex Portfolio, L.P.

ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.
Certification of Chief Financial 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, Angela L. Kleiman, hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017 (the “Form 10-Q”) of Essex Portfolio, L.P. 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 Portfolio, L.P. at the dates of and for the periods presented.

Date: November 3, 2017

/s/ Angela L. Kleiman

Angela L. Kleiman

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Essex Property Trust, Inc., general partner of

Essex Portfolio, L.P.