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CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 17, 2015 (August 14, 2015)

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-13106 (Essex Property Trust, Inc.) 333-44467-01 (Essex Portfolio, L.P.) (Commission File Number)

Maryland (Essex Property Trust, Inc.)77-0369576 (Essex Property Trust, Inc.)California (Essex Portfolio, L.P.)77-0369575 (Essex Portfolio, L.P.)(State of Incorporation)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

925 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, California 94303 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(650) 494-3700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers

On August 14, 2015, Essex Property Trust, Inc. (the "Company") was informed that Thomas E. Randlett, a director of the Company, had passed away on that date. Mr. Randlett had been as a director since the Company's initial public offering in 1994 and served as the chairman of the Board's audit committee. Mr. Randlett's contributions to the Company and the Board are deeply appreciated and will be missed. The Company, trustees and officers extend their condolences to Mr. Randlett's family, friends and colleagues.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Essex Property Trust, Inc.

/s/ Michael T. Dance Name: Michael T. Dance Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Date: August 17, 2015

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Essex Portfolio, L.P. By: Essex Property Trust, Inc.

/s/ Michael T. Dance Name: Michael T. Dance Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Date: August 17, 2015