

# ESSEX

PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

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### VOTE BY INTERNET - [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on May 15, 2017. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

### ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

### VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

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### VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKSBELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS DETACH

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

For All    Withhold All    For All Except

To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.

1. Election of Directors

      

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**Nominees**

01 Keith R. Guericke  
06 Thomas E. Robinson

02 Irving F. Lyons, III  
07 Michael J. Schall

03 George M. Marcus  
08 Byron A. Scordelis

04 Gary P. Martin  
09 Janice L. Sears

05 Issie N. Rabinovitch

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

- 2 Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2017.
- 3 Advisory vote to approve the Company's named executive officer compensation.

For    Against    Abstain

         
       

The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on the following proposal:

- 4 Advisory vote to determine the frequency of named executive officer compensation advisory votes.

1 year    2 years    3 years    Abstain

          

**NOTE:** To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name, by authorized officer.

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Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]      Date

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Signature (Joint Owners)      Date

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## PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:** The Notice & Proxy Statement, Annual Report/10K are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

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THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE  
ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 16, 2017

Keith R. Guericke and Michael J. Schall (the "Proxyholders"), or any of them, each with the power of substitution, are hereby authorized to represent and vote the shares of the undersigned, with all the powers which the undersigned would possess if personally present, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Essex Property Trust, Inc. to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time at the Garden Court Hotel, 520 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, California, 94301, and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Shares represented by this proxy will be voted as directed by the stockholder. If no such directions are indicated, the Proxyholders will have authority to vote FOR the election of all director nominees, FOR proposals 2 and 3, and 1 YEAR on proposal 4. In their discretion, the Proxyholders are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

SEE REVERSE SIDE: If you wish to vote in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations, just sign and date the reverse side. You need not mark any boxes.

Continued and to be signed on reverse side