

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Kessler John B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.
 [ESRT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/29/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President and COO

C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC., ONE GRAND CENTRAL PL., 60 E. 42ND ST.
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10165

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(1)</u>	02/29/2016		A	71,451 ⁽²⁾	<u>(1)(2)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	71,451
LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(1)</u>	02/29/2016		A	64,144 ⁽³⁾	<u>(1)(3)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	64,144

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kessler John B C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC. ONE GRAND CENTRAL PL., 60 E. 42ND ST. NEW YORK, NY 10165			President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ Debra E. Levin,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/02/2016

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Represents long term investment plan units ("LTIP Units"), a class of units of Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes, LTIP Units are convertible by the reporting person, upon vesting, into an equivalent number of units of limited partnership interests ("Operating Partnership Units") of the Operating Partnership, which are redeemable by the holder for shares of Class A Common Stock of Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Issuer's option. The rights to convert LTIP units into Operating Partnership Units and redeem Operating Partnership Units do not have expiration dates.
- (1) These LTIP Units vest 25% ratably on each of the first four anniversaries of February 28, 2016, subject to continued employment through such dates.
- These LTIP Units are scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's total return to the shareholders during a three-year performance period ending December 31, 2018. Any earned LTIP units will vest 50% on January 1, 2019 and 50% on January 1, 2020, subject to continued employment. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 192,434 LTIP Units also granted on February 29, 2016 that are scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against two different industry-specific indices.
- (3)

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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