

Mail Stop 4561

January 16, 2007

Mr. Keith R. Guericke
Chief Executive Officer
Essex Property Trust, Inc.
925 East Meadow Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Re: Essex Property Trust, Inc.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005
Filed March 14, 2006
File No. 1-13106

Dear Mr. Guericke:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

Linda van Doorn
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant