

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.  
 Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10165**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/02/2016**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>                      | <u>(1)</u>   | 02/29/2016                           |  | A                              | 71,451<br><u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(1)</u> (2) <u>(1)</u>                                | Class A Common Stock  | 71,451 \$   |
| LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>                      | <u>(1)</u>   | 02/29/2016                           |  | A                              | 59,910<br><u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(1)</u> (4) <u>(1)</u>                                | Class A Common Stock  | 59,910 \$   |

**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

05/05/2016

\*\*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 incentive plan units ("LTIP Units"), a class of units of Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). Conditioned upon sufficient 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) 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.
  - (2) These LTIP Units vest 25% ratably on each of the first four anniversaries of January 1, 2016, subject to continued employment through such dates.
  - (3) This Form 4 amends the original Form 4 filed on March 2, 2016 to reflect updated Monte Carlo simulation results subsequently received from an independent compensation consultant with respect to the grant date fair value of the LTIP Units.
  - (4) These LTIP Units are scheduled to vest conditioned on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's total return to 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 179,731 LTIP Units also granted on February 29, 2016 that are scheduled to vest conditioned on the achievement of

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certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against two different industry-specific indices.

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