

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.
 Form 4
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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 *
KARP DAVID A

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)
C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC., 111 WEST 33RD STREET, 12TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/17/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and CFO

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10120

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) | 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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 03/17/2017 | | A | | <u>(1)(2)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 38,841 |
| LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 03/17/2017 | | A | | <u>(1)(3)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 29,223 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KARP DAVID A
C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC.
111 WEST 33RD STREET, 12TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10120

EVP and CFO

Signatures

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

03/21/2017

__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.

(2) These LTIP Units vest 25% ratably on each of the first four anniversaries of January 1, 2017, subject to continued employment through such dates.

(3) 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, 2019. Any earned LTIP units will vest 50% on January 1, 2020 and 50% on January 1, 2021, subject to continued employment. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 87,671 LTIP Units also granted on March 17, 2017 that are scheduled to vest conditioned on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against two different industry-specific indices.

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