

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 10-Q

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-13106

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

77-0369576

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

925 East Meadow Drive

Palo Alto, California 94303

(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

(650) 494-3700

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES  NO

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 38,037,114 shares of Common Stock as of October 31, 2013.

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Part I -- Financial Information

Item 1: Condensed Financial Statements (Unaudited)

"Essex" or the "Company" means Essex Property Trust, Inc., a real estate investment trust incorporated in the State of Maryland, or where the context otherwise requires, Essex Portfolio, L.P., a limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership") in which Essex Property Trust, Inc. is the sole general partner.

The information furnished in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, statements of operations and comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows of the Company reflects all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the aforementioned condensed consolidated financial statements for the interim periods and are normal and recurring in nature, except as otherwise noted.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to such unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations herein. Additionally, these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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## ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)

|  | September<br>30,<br>2013 | December<br>31,<br>2012 |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Assets</u>  |                          |                         |
| Real estate:   |                          |                         |
| Rental properties:   |                          |                         |
| Land and land improvements   | \$1,057,355              | \$1,003,171             |
| Buildings and improvements   | 4,237,557                | 4,030,501               |
|  | 5,294,912                | 5,033,672               |
| Less accumulated depreciation  | (1,214,092)              | (1,081,517)             |
|  | 4,080,820                | 3,952,155               |
| Real estate under development  | 45,804                   | 66,851                  |
| Co-investments   | 674,075                  | 571,345                 |
|  | 4,800,699                | 4,590,351               |
| Cash and cash equivalents-unrestricted   | 9,509                    | 18,606                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents-restricted   | 46,485                   | 23,520                  |
| Marketable securities  | 89,899                   | 92,713                  |
| Notes and other receivables  | 67,628                   | 66,163                  |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | 49,270                   | 35,003                  |
| Deferred charges, net  | 22,112                   | 20,867                  |
| Total assets   | \$5,085,602              | \$4,847,223             |
| <u>Liabilities and Equity</u>  |                          |                         |
| Mortgage notes payable   | \$1,495,521              | \$1,565,599             |
| Unsecured debt   | 1,409,883                | 1,112,084               |
| Lines of credit  | 15,352                   | 141,000                 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | 83,844                   | 64,858                  |
| Construction payable   | 6,936                    | 5,392                   |
| Dividends payable  | 50,486                   | 45,052                  |
| Derivative liabilities   | 3,161                    | 6,606                   |
| Other liabilities  | 22,366                   | 22,167                  |
| Total liabilities  | 3,087,549                | 2,962,758               |
| Commitments and contingencies  |                          |                         |
| Cumulative convertible Series G preferred stock  | 4,349                    | 4,349                   |
| Equity:  |                          |                         |
| Cumulative redeemable Series H preferred stock at liquidation value  | 73,750                   | 73,750                  |
| Common stock, \$.0001 par value, 656,020,000 shares authorized 37,323,297 and 36,442,994 shares issued and outstanding | 3                        | 3                       |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 2,330,041                | 2,204,778               |
| Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings  | (461,005 )               | (444,466 )              |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net  | (62,589 )                | (69,261 )               |
| Total stockholders' equity   | 1,880,200                | 1,764,804               |
| Noncontrolling interest  | 113,504                  | 115,312                 |
| Total equity   | 1,993,704                | 1,880,116               |
| Total liabilities and equity   | \$5,085,602              | \$4,847,223             |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2013                                | 2012       | 2013                               | 2012       |
| Revenues:  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Rental and other property  | \$ 152,945                          | \$ 134,518 | \$ 448,318                         | \$ 388,642 |
| Management and other fees  | 2,957                               | 3,072      | 9,139                              | 8,312      |
|  | 155,902                             | 137,590    | 457,457                            | 396,954    |
| Expenses:  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Property operating, excluding real estate taxes                        | 36,002                              | 32,763     | 102,790                            | 91,828     |
| Real estate taxes  | 14,561                              | 12,310     | 42,852                             | 35,326     |
| Depreciation   | 48,438                              | 42,897     | 143,320                            | 125,137    |
| General and administrative   | 6,075                               | 5,276      | 18,925                             | 16,440     |
| Cost of management and other fees                                      | 1,613                               | 1,642      | 5,047                              | 4,893      |
|  | 106,689                             | 94,888     | 312,934                            | 273,624    |
| Earnings from operations   | 49,213                              | 42,702     | 144,523                            | 123,330    |
| Interest expense before amortization                                   | (26,187 )                           | (25,064 )  | (77,724 )                          | (74,380 )  |
| Amortization expense   | (3,005 )                            | (2,927 )   | (8,937 )                           | (8,681 )   |
| Interest and other income  | 2,387                               | 3,003      | 9,326                              | 10,869     |
| Equity income in co-investments  | 40,802                              | 3,547      | 52,295                             | 8,998      |
| (Loss) gain on early retirement of debt                                | (178 )                              | (1,211 )   | 846                                | (2,661 )   |
| Gain on sale of land   | -                                   | -          | 1,503                              | -          |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investment                                 | -                                   | -          | -                                  | 21,947     |
| Income from continuing operations                                      | 63,032                              | 20,050     | 121,832                            | 79,422     |
| Income from discontinued operations                                    | 12,843                              | 172        | 13,321                             | 10,528     |
| Net income   | 75,875                              | 20,222     | 135,153                            | 89,950     |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest                     | (5,719 )                            | (2,635 )   | (12,112 )                          | (9,827 )   |
| Net income attributable to controlling interest                        | 70,156                              | 17,587     | 123,041                            | 80,123     |
| Dividends to preferred stockholders                                    | (1,368 )                            | (1,368 )   | (4,104 )                           | (4,104 )   |
| Net income available to common stockholders                            | \$ 68,788                           | \$ 16,219  | \$ 118,937                         | \$ 76,019  |
| Comprehensive income   | \$ 76,112                           | \$ 16,462  | \$ 142,206                         | \$ 86,034  |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest           | (5,732 )                            | (2,407 )   | (12,493 )                          | (9,589 )   |
| Comprehensive income attributable to controlling interest              | \$ 70,380                           | \$ 14,055  | \$ 129,713                         | \$ 76,445  |
| Per common share data:   |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Basic:   |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Income from continuing operations                                      | \$ 1.52                             | \$ 0.45    | \$ 2.86                            | \$ 1.90    |
| Income from discontinued operations                                    | 0.32                                | 0.01       | 0.34                               | 0.29       |
| Net income available to common stockholders                            | \$ 1.84                             | \$ 0.46    | \$ 3.20                            | \$ 2.19    |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period | 37,320,562                          | 35,600,772 | 37,206,895                         | 34,736,311 |

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|  |            |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income from continuing operations                                      | \$1.52     | \$0.44     | \$2.85     | \$1.90     |
| Income from discontinued operations                                    | 0.32       | 0.01       | 0.34       | 0.28       |
| Net income available to common stockholders                            | \$1.84     | \$0.45     | \$3.19     | \$2.18     |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period | 37,436,983 | 35,699,666 | 37,295,691 | 34,834,076 |
| Dividend per common share  | \$1.21     | \$1.10     | \$3.63     | \$3.30     |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013

(Unaudited)

(Dollars and shares in thousands)

|   | Series H                  |          | Common<br>stock<br>Shares | Amount | Additional<br>paid-in<br>capital | Distributions<br>in excess<br>of<br>accumulated<br>earnings | Accumulated<br>other<br>comprehensive<br>loss, net | Noncontrolling |             |
|---|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------|-------------|
|   | Preferred stock<br>Shares | Amount   |                           |        |                                  |   |  | Interest       | Total       |
| Balances at<br>December 31,<br>2012   | 2,950                     | \$73,750 | 36,443                    | \$ 3   | \$2,204,778                      | \$(444,466 )  | \$(69,261 )  | \$ 115,312     | \$1,880,116 |
| Net income  | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | -                                | 123,041   | -  | 12,112         | 135,153     |
| Reversal of<br>unrealized gains<br>upon the sale of<br>marketable<br>securities           | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | -                                | -   | (1,673 )   | (94 )          | (1,767 )    |
| Change in fair<br>value of cash<br>flow hedges and<br>amortization of<br>swap settlements | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | -                                | -   | 9,439  | 537            | 9,976       |
| Change in fair<br>value of<br>marketable<br>securities                                    | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | -                                | -   | (1,094 )   | (62 )          | (1,156 )    |
| Issuance of<br>common stock<br>under:   |                           |          |                           |        |                                  |   |  |                |             |
| Stock option and<br>restricted stock<br>plans   | -                         | -        | 63                        | -      | 6,411                            | -   | -  | -              | 6,411       |
| Sale of common<br>stock   | -                         | -        | 817                       | -      | 122,905                          | -   | -  | -              | 122,905     |
| Equity based<br>compensation<br>costs   | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | (759 )                           | -   | -  | 1,626          | 867         |
| Distributions to<br>noncontrolling<br>interest  | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | -                                | -   | -  | (14,108 )      | (14,108 )   |
| Redemptions of<br>noncontrolling<br>interest  | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | (3,294 )                         | -   | -  | (1,819 )       | (5,113 )    |
| Common and<br>preferred stock<br>dividends  | -                         | -        | -                         | -      | -                                | (139,580 )  | -  | -              | (139,580 )  |
|   | 2,950                     | \$73,750 | 37,323                    | \$ 3   | \$2,330,041                      | \$(461,005 )  | \$(62,589 )  | \$ 113,504     | \$1,993,704 |

Balances at  
September 30,  
2013

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

|   | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |             |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|
|   | 2013                               | 2012        |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                                    |             |
| Net income  | \$ 135,153                         | \$ 89,950   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                    |             |
| Gain on sale of marketable securities   | (1,767 )                           | (521 )      |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investment  | -                                  | (21,947 )   |
| Company's share of gain on the sales of co-investment                             | (41,252 )                          | -           |
| Gain on the sales of real estate  | (14,161 )                          | (10,870 )   |
| (Gain) loss on early retirement of debt   | (846 )                             | 2,661       |
| Co-investments  | (1,892 )                           | 5,141       |
| Amortization expense  | 8,955                              | 8,681       |
| Amortization of discount on notes receivables                                     | (844 )                             | (1,373 )    |
| Amortization of discount on marketable securities                                 | (4,664 )                           | (3,808 )    |
| Depreciation  | 143,662                            | 125,669     |
| Equity-based compensation   | 3,137                              | 2,880       |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                      |                                    |             |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | (19,689 )                          | (3,653 )    |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  | 19,091                             | 26,167      |
| Other liabilities   | 199                                | 358         |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 225,082                            | 219,335     |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                                    |             |
| Additions to real estate:   |                                    |             |
| Acquisitions of real estate   | (205,539)                          | (157,011 )  |
| Improvements to recent acquisitions   | (14,374 )                          | (6,662 )    |
| Redevelopment.  | (32,488 )                          | (31,277 )   |
| Revenue generating capital expenditures   | (2,165 )                           | (4,405 )    |
| Lessor required capital expenditures  | (4,320 )                           | -           |
| Non-revenue generating capital expenditures                                       | (21,885 )                          | (15,776 )   |
| Acquisitions of and additions to real estate under development                    | (13,963 )                          | (22,505 )   |
| Acquisition of membership interest in co-investment                               | -                                  | (85,000 )   |
| Dispositions of real estate   | 33,666                             | 27,800      |
| Changes in restricted cash and deposits   | (17,246 )                          | (13,370 )   |
| Purchases of marketable securities  | (16,442 )                          | (73,735 )   |
| Sales and maturities of marketable securities                                     | 22,830                             | 6,322       |
| Purchases of and advances under notes and other receivables                       | (56,750 )                          | -           |
| Collections of notes and other receivables  | 53,438                             | 7,977       |
| Contributions to co-investments   | (150,852)                          | (158,769 )  |
| Distributions from co-investments   | 117,103                            | 8,345       |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (308,987)                          | (518,066 )  |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                                    |             |
| Borrowings under debt agreements  | 641,892                            | 1,347,973   |
| Repayment of debt   | (536,926)                          | (1,196,977) |
| Additions to deferred charges   | (3,836 )                           | (6,415 )    |

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| Equity related issuance cost                   | (616 )    | (309 )     |
| Net proceeds from stock options exercised      | 4,756     | 2,169      |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock     | 122,905   | 268,858    |
| Contributions from noncontrolling interest     | -         | 2,400      |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interest       | (14,108 ) | (12,875 )  |
| Redemption of noncontrolling interest          | (5,113 )  | (1,595 )   |
| Common and preferred stock dividends paid      | (134,146) | (115,444 ) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities      | 74,808    | 287,785    |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents      | (9,097 )  | (10,946 )  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 18,606    | 12,889     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period     | \$9,509   | \$1,943    |

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## ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

|   | 2013     | 2012      |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:   |          |           |
| Cash paid for interest, net of \$12.7 million, and \$6.8 million capitalized in 2013 and 2012, respectively | \$76,596 | \$68,555  |
| Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:                                      |          |           |
| Transfer from real estate under development to rental properties  | \$68     | \$5,648   |
| Transfer from real estate under development to co-investments   | \$27,906 | \$148,053 |
| Mortgage notes assumed in connection with purchases of real estate including the loan premiums recorded     | \$-      | \$71,340  |
| Contribution of note receivable to co-investment  | \$-      | \$12,325  |
| Change in accrual of dividends  | \$5,434  | \$4,766   |
| Change in fair value of derivative liabilities  | \$3,649  | \$5,100   |
| Change in fair value of marketable securities   | \$2,958  | \$4,542   |
| Change in construction payable  | \$1,544  | \$2,239   |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

September 30, 2013 and 2012

(Unaudited)

(1) Organization and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements present the accounts of Essex Property Trust, Inc. (the “Company”), which include the accounts of the Company and Essex Portfolio, L.P. (the “Operating Partnership,” which holds the operating assets of the Company), prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented have been included and are normal and recurring in nature. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the condensed consolidated financial statements. Certain reclassifications have been made to conform to the current year's presentation. Such reclassification had no effect on previously reported financial statements.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 include the accounts of the Company and the Operating Partnership. The Company is the sole general partner in the Operating Partnership, with a 94.6% general partnership interest as of September 30, 2013. Total Operating Partnership units outstanding were 2,146,293 and 2,122,381 as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, and the redemption value of the units, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock totaled \$317.0 million and \$311.2 million, as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

As of September 30, 2013, the Company owned or had ownership interests in 163 apartment communities, aggregating 34,416 units, excluding the Company's ownership in preferred interest co-investments, (collectively, the “Communities”, and individually, a “Community”), five commercial buildings and eleven active development projects (collectively, the “Portfolio”). The Communities are located in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties), Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area) and the Seattle metropolitan area.

Marketable Securities

The Company reports its available for sale securities at fair value, based on quoted market prices (Level 2 for the unsecured bonds and Level 1 for the common stock and investment funds, as defined by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) standard for fair value measurements as discussed later in Note 1), and any unrealized gain or loss is recorded as other comprehensive income (loss). Realized gains and losses, interest and dividend income, and amortization of purchase discounts are included in interest and other income on the condensed consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, marketable securities consisted primarily of investment-grade unsecured bonds, common stock, investments in mortgage backed securities and investment funds that invest in U.S. treasury or agency securities. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company classified its investments in mortgage backed securities, which mature in November 2019 and September 2020, as held to maturity, and accordingly, these securities are stated at their amortized cost.



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## ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

September 30, 2013 and 2012

(Unaudited)

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 marketable securities consist of the following (\$ in thousands):

|                                  | September 30, 2013         |                                       |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Cost/<br>Amortized<br>Cost | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>Gain<br>(Loss) | Carrying<br>Value |
| Available for sale:              |                            |                                       |                   |
| Investment-grade unsecured bonds | \$15,378                   | \$ 647                                | \$16,025          |
| Investment funds - US treasuries | 5,020                      | 3                                     | 5,023             |
| Common stock                     | 13,104                     | (975)                                 | 12,129            |
| Held to maturity:                |                            |                                       |                   |
| Mortgage backed securities       | 56,722                     | -                                     | 56,722            |
| Total                            | \$90,224                   | \$ (325)                              | \$89,899          |
|                                  |                            |                                       |                   |
|                                  | December 31, 2012          |                                       |                   |
|                                  | Cost/<br>Amortized<br>Cost | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>Gain           | Carrying<br>Value |
| Available for sale:              |                            |                                       |                   |
| Investment-grade unsecured bonds | \$15,475                   | \$ 826                                | \$16,301          |
| Investment funds - US treasuries | 3,788                      | 1                                     | 3,789             |
| Common stock                     | 18,917                     | 1,704                                 | 20,621            |
| Held to maturity:                |                            |                                       |                   |
| Mortgage backed securities       | 52,002                     | -                                     | 52,002            |
| Total                            | \$90,182                   | \$ 2,531                              | \$92,713          |

The Company uses the specific identification method to determine the cost basis of a security sold and to reclassify amounts from accumulated other comprehensive income for securities sold. For the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, there were no sales of available for sale securities. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, and 2012, the proceeds from sales of available for sale securities totaled \$20.3 million and \$6.3 million, respectively, which resulted in gains of \$1.8 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

## Variable Interest Entities

The Company consolidates 19 DownREIT limited partnerships (comprising twelve communities) since the Company is the primary beneficiary of these variable interest entities ("VIEs"). Total DownREIT units outstanding were 1,011,071 and 1,039,431 as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, and the redemption value of the units, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock totaled \$149.3 million and \$152.4 million, as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The consolidated total assets and liabilities related to these VIEs, net of intercompany eliminations, were approximately \$201.6 million and \$185.5 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2013 and \$201.1 million and \$178.6 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2012. Interest holders in VIEs consolidated by the Company are allocated income equal to the cash payments made to those interest holders. The remaining results of operations are allocated to the Company. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31,

2012, the Company did not have any other VIEs of which it was deemed to be the primary beneficiary.

#### Equity Based Compensation

The Company accounts for equity based compensation using the fair value method of accounting. The estimated fair value of stock options granted by the Company is being amortized over the vesting period of the stock options. The estimated grant date fair values of the long term incentive plan units (discussed in Note 13, "Equity Based Compensation Plans," in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012) are being amortized over the expected service periods.

Stock-based compensation expense for options and restricted stock totaled \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$1.6 million and \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The intrinsic value of the stock options exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 totaled \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, and \$2.9 million and \$2.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, the intrinsic value of the stock options outstanding totaled \$11.2 million. As of September 30, 2013, total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation granted under the stock option and restricted stock plans totaled \$4.7 million. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1 to 5 years for the stock option plans and is expected to be recognized straight-line over a period of 1 to 7 years for the restricted stock awards.

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The Company has adopted an incentive program involving the issuance of Series Z-1 Incentive Units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership. Stock-based compensation expense for Z-1 Units totaled \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$1.5 million and \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Stock-based compensation for Z-1 units capitalized totaled \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, and 2012, and \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, and 2012, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, the intrinsic value of the Z-1 Units subject to future vesting totaled \$15.8 million. As of September 30, 2013, total unrecognized compensation cost related to Z-1 Units subject to future vesting totaled \$5.6 million. The unamortized cost is expected to be recognized up to 14 years subject to the achievement of the stated performance criteria.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Management believes that the carrying amounts of outstanding lines of credit, notes receivable and notes and other receivables approximate fair value as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, because interest rates, yields and other terms for these instruments are consistent with yields and other terms currently available for similar instruments. Management has estimated that the fair value of the Company's \$2.37 billion of fixed rate debt, including unsecured bonds, at September 30, 2013 is approximately \$2.43 billion and the fair value of the Company's \$537.2 million of variable rate debt, excluding borrowings under the lines of credit, at September 30, 2013 is \$517.5 million based on the terms of existing mortgage notes payable, unsecured bonds and variable rate demand notes compared to those available in the marketplace. Management believes that the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, construction payables, other liabilities and dividends payable approximate fair value as of September 30, 2013 due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. Marketable securities, except mortgage backed securities, and derivatives are carried at fair value as of September 30, 2013.

At September 30, 2013, the Company's investments in mortgage backed securities had a carrying value of \$56.7 million and the Company estimated the fair value to be approximately \$83.8 million. At December 31, 2012, the estimated fair values of the mortgage backed securities were approximately equal to the carrying values. The Company determines the fair value of the mortgage backed securities based on unobservable inputs (level 3 of the fair value hierarchy) considering the assumptions that market participants would make in valuing these securities.

Assumptions such as estimated default rates and discount rates are used to determine expected, discounted cash flows to estimate the fair value.

Capitalization of Costs

The Company's capitalized internal costs related to development and redevelopment projects totaled \$1.8 million and \$1.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$5.1 million and \$4.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, most of which relates to development projects. These totals include capitalized salaries of \$0.8 million and \$0.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$2.0 million and \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company capitalizes leasing commissions associated with the lease-up of a development community and amortizes the costs over the life of the leases. The amounts capitalized are immaterial for all periods presented.

Co-investments

The Company owns investments in joint ventures (“co-investments”) in which it has significant influence, but its ownership interest does not meet the criteria for consolidation in accordance with the accounting standards.

Therefore, the Company accounts for these investments using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method of accounting, the investment is carried at the cost of assets contributed, plus the Company’s equity in earnings less distributions received and the Company’s share of losses. The significant accounting policies of the Company’s co-investment entities are consistent with those of the Company in all material respects. For preferred equity investments the Company recognizes its preferred interest as equity in earnings.

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Upon the acquisition of a controlling interest of a co-investment, the co-investment entity is consolidated and a gain or loss is recognized upon the remeasurement of co-investments in the consolidated statement of operations equal to the amount by which the fair value of the co-investment interest the Company previously owned exceeds its carrying value. A majority of the co-investments, excluding the preferred equity investments, compensate the Company for its asset management services and may provide promote distributions if certain financial return benchmarks are achieved. Asset management fees are recognized when earned, and promote fees are recognized when the earnings events have occurred and the amount is determinable and collectible.

## Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net by Component

|  | Change in<br>fair<br>value and<br>amortization<br>of<br>derivatives | Unrealized<br>gains/(losses)<br>on<br>available for<br>sale<br>securities | Total       |
|--|---|---|-------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2012                                   | \$ (71,658 )  | \$ 2,397  | \$(69,261 ) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification      | 3,075   | (1,094 )  | 1,981       |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss | 6,364   | (1,673 )  | 4,691       |
| Net other comprehensive income (loss)                          | 9,439   | (2,767 )  | 6,672       |
| Balance at September 30, 2013                                  | \$ (62,219 )  | \$ (370 )   | \$(62,589 ) |

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss in connection with derivatives are recorded in interest expense before amortization on the condensed consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income. Realized gains and losses on available for sale securities are included in interest and other income on the condensed consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income.

## Accounting Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to acquiring, developing and assessing the carrying values of its real estate portfolio, its investments in and advances to joint ventures and affiliates, its notes receivables and its qualification as a Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT"). The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, current market conditions, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may vary from those estimates and those estimates could be different under different assumptions or conditions.

## (2) Significant Transactions During the Third Quarter of 2013 and Subsequent Events

## Acquisitions

In September 2013, the Company purchased Slater 116, located in Kirkland, Washington for \$29.6 million. Construction of the 108 apartment homes and 10,100 square feet of retail space was completed in August 2013. The

community is currently 44% occupied or leased and is expected to have stabilized operations in early 2014.

In October 2013, the Company purchased Vox Apartments, located in Seattle, Washington, for \$22.2 million. The community was built in 2013 and contains 58 apartment homes. The property is stabilized. Vox Apartments is located in the Capital Hill district in close proximity to other Essex communities.

#### Dispositions

During the third quarter of 2013, the Essex Apartment Value Fund II L.P. (“Fund II”) of which the Company has a 28.2% ownership interest, sold four properties for gross proceeds of \$294.0 million. In connection with the sale, Fund II incurred a prepayment penalty on debt of which the Company’s pro rata share was \$0.2 million. The total GAAP gain on the sale was \$137.8 million of which the Company’s share is \$36.4 million, net of internal disposition costs. There are two remaining properties in the Fund II portfolio that are expected to be sold in 2014.

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In August 2013, the Company sold Linden Square, located in Seattle, Washington, for \$25.3 million. The net proceeds from the sale were used as a 1031 exchange for the Slater 116 acquisition noted above. The total GAAP gain on the sale was \$12.7 million.

Secured Debt

In August 2013, the Company replaced the construction loan on Expo, located in Seattle, Washington with a new 7 year, \$45.0 million term loan. The loan has a variable interest rate of 150 basis points over LIBOR. The Company has entered into a \$45.0 million swap to fix the effective rate at 3.7% for the entire seven year period.

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company repaid a secured loan totaling \$10.1 million. At the end of the quarter, the Company had \$609.6 million in undrawn capacity on its unsecured credit facilities. Subsequent to the quarter end, the Company repaid a secured loan totaling \$19.4 million.

Structured Financing

In August 2013, the Company made an \$8.5 million preferred equity investment in a multifamily development project located in San Jose, California. The investment has a preferred return of 12% for a 3 year term.

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company restructured the terms of a preferred equity investment on a property located in Anaheim, California, reducing the rate from 13% to 9%, while extending the maximum term by one year. The Company recorded \$0.4 million of income related to the restructured investment.

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## (3) Co-investments

The Company has co-investments, which are accounted for under the equity method. The co-investments own, operate and develop apartment communities. The following table details the Company's co-investments (dollars in thousands):

|  | September<br>30,<br>2013 | December<br>31,<br>2012 |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Membership interest in Wesco I   | \$ 142,362               | \$ 143,874              |
| Membership interest in Wesco III   | 37,766                   | 9,941                   |
| Partnership interest in Fund II  | 4,301                    | 53,601                  |
| Membership interest in a limited liability company that owns Expo  | 18,356                   | 18,752                  |
| Total operating co-investments   | 202,785                  | 226,168                 |
| Membership interests in limited liability companies that own and are developing Epic,<br>Connolly Station, Mosso I & II, Elkhorn, and The Village                | 294,573                  | 186,362                 |
| Membership interests in limited liability companies that own and are developing The Huxley<br>and The Dylan  | 17,894                   | 16,552                  |
| Membership interest in a limited liability company that owns and is developing One South<br>Market   | 17,009                   | -                       |
| Total development co-investments   | 329,476                  | 202,914                 |
| Membership interest in Wesco II that owns a preferred equity interest in Parkmerced with a<br>preferred return of 10.1%  | 93,983                   | 91,843                  |
| Preferred interest in related party limited liability company that owns Sage at Cupertino with<br>a preferred return of 9.5%                                     | 16,159                   | 14,438                  |
| Preferred interest in a related party limited liability company that owns Madison Park at<br>Anaheim with a preferred return of 9%                               | 13,824                   | 13,175                  |
| Preferred interest in related party limited liability company that owns an apartment<br>development in Redwood City with a preferred return of 12%               | 9,234                    | -                       |
| Preferred interest in a limited liability company that owns an apartment development in San<br>Jose with a preferred return of 12%                               | 8,614                    | -                       |
| Preferred interests in limited liability companies that own apartment communities in<br>downtown Los Angeles with preferred returns of 9% and 10% repaid in 2013 | -                        | 22,807                  |
| Total preferred interest investments   | 141,814                  | 142,263                 |
| Total co-investments   | \$ 674,075               | \$ 571,345              |

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In January 2013, the Company invested \$8.6 million as a preferred equity interest investment in an apartment development in Redwood City, California. The investment has a preferred return of 12% and matures in January 2016.

In March 2013, the Company received the redemption of \$9.7 million of preferred equity related to two properties located in downtown Los Angeles. The Company recorded \$0.4 million in redemption penalties due to the early redemption of these preferred equity investments.

In June 2013, the Company received the redemption of \$13.1 million of preferred equity related to a property located in downtown Los Angeles. The Company recorded \$0.5 million of income from redemption penalties due to the early redemption of these preferred equity investments.

In August 2013, the Company made an \$8.5 million preferred equity investment in a multifamily development project located in San Jose, California. The investment has a preferred return of 12% and matures in 3 years.

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company restructured the terms of a preferred equity investment on a property located in Anaheim, California, reducing the rate from 13% to 9%, while extending the maximum term by one year. The Company recorded \$0.4 million of income related to the restructured investment.

The combined summarized balance sheet and statements of operations for co-investments are as follows (dollars in thousands).

|   | September<br>30,<br>2013 | December<br>31,<br>2012 |   |  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Balance sheets:                                     |                          |                         |   |  |
| Rental properties and real estate under development | \$1,698,072              | \$1,745,147             |   |  |
| Other assets  | 86,081                   | 168,061                 |   |  |
| Total assets  | \$1,784,153              | \$1,913,208             |   |  |
| Debt  | \$651,818                | \$820,895               |   |  |
| Other liabilities                                   | 114,405                  | 91,922                  |   |  |
| Equity  | 1,017,930                | 1,000,391               |   |  |
| Total liabilities and equity                        | \$1,784,153              | \$1,913,208             |   |  |
| Company's share of equity                           | \$674,075                | \$571,345               |   |  |
|   |                          |                         | Three Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2013 | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 |
| Statements of operations:                           |                          |                         |   |  |
| Property revenues                                   | \$24,796                 | \$34,425                | \$78,913                                    | \$96,981                                   |
| Property operating expenses                         | (10,170)                 | (12,686)                | (29,872)                                    | (35,852)                                   |

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|                               |           |            |           |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Net property operating income | 14,626    | 21,739     | 49,041    | 61,129     |
| Gain on sale of real estate   | 137,845   | -          | 146,663   | -          |
| Interest expense              | (6,052 )  | (9,453 )   | (18,924 ) | (25,790 )  |
| General and administrative    | (1,419 )  | (916 )     | (4,472 )  | (2,632 )   |
| Depreciation and amortization | (8,718 )  | (12,821 )  | (29,314 ) | (35,593 )  |
| Net (loss) income             | \$136,282 | \$(1,451 ) | \$142,994 | \$(2,886 ) |
| Company's share of net income | \$40,802  | \$3,547    | \$52,295  | \$8,998    |

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## (4) Notes and Other Receivables

Notes receivable secured by real estate, and other receivables consist of the following as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollars in thousands):

|  | September<br>30,<br>2013 | December<br>31,<br>2012 |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at 4.0%, due December 2014 <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 3,212                 | \$ 3,212                |
| Notes and other receivables from affiliates <sup>(2)</sup>                           | 60,820                   | 28,896                  |
| Other receivables  | 3,596                    | 3,785                   |
| Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at 8.0%, paid in full in May 2013         | -                        | 971                     |
| Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at 8.8%, paid in full March 2013          | -                        | 10,800                  |
| Note receivable, secured, effective interest at 9.6%, paid in full March 2013        | -                        | 18,499                  |
|  | \$ 67,628                | \$ 66,163               |

(1) The borrower funds an impound account for capital replacement.

During the second quarter of 2013, the Company provided short-term bridge loans to Fund II and Wesco III (2) aggregating \$42.4 million and \$56.8 million, respectively, at rates of LIBOR + 1.75% and LIBOR + 2.50%, respectively. In July 2013, Fund II repaid the \$42.4 million loan.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company received the repayment of three notes receivables totaling \$30.5 million. One of the notes was repaid early, and as such the Company recorded \$0.8 million of income related to a change in estimate on the discount to the note receivable.

In March 2013, Wesco III repaid the Company for a \$26.0 million short-term bridge loan to assist with the purchase of Haver Hill. Wesco III used the proceeds from a \$27.3 million loan secured by Haver Hill at 3.1% for a term of seven years to repay the bridge loan.

## (5) Related Party Transactions

Fees earned from affiliates include management, development and redevelopment fees from co-investments of \$3.0 million and \$2.9 million during the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$9.1 million and \$7.9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. All of these fees are net of intercompany amounts eliminated by the Company.

The Company's Chairman and founder, Mr. George Marcus, is the Chairman of The Marcus & Millichap Company ("TMMC"), which is a holding company for certain real estate brokerage services and other subsidiary companies.

Fund II paid a brokerage commission totaling \$0.6 million to an affiliate of TMMC related to the sale of a property in July 2013. No brokerage commissions were paid to TMMC by the Company during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

As described in Note 3, the Company restructured the terms of a preferred equity investment on a property located in Anaheim, California, reducing the rate from 13% to 9%, while extending the maximum term by one year. The

Company recorded \$0.4 million of income related to the restructured investment. The entity that owns the property is an affiliate of TMMC. Independent members of the Company's Board of Directors that serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance and Audit Committees approved the restructuring of the investment in this entity.

In January 2013, the Company invested \$8.6 million as a preferred equity interest investment in an entity affiliated with TMMC that owns an apartment development in Redwood City, California. Independent members of the Company's Board of Directors that serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance and Audit Committees approved the investment in this entity.

As described in Note 4, the Company has provided short-term bridge loans to affiliates. As of July 31, 2013, two loans have been repaid and two loans remain outstanding totaling \$56.8 million. The bridge loans to Wesco III are expected to be repaid by December 31, 2013.

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## (6) Unsecured Debt and Lines of Credit

Unsecured debt and lines of credit consist of the following as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (\$ in thousands):

|  | September<br>30,<br>2013 | December<br>31,<br>2012 | Weighted<br>Average<br>Maturity<br>In Years |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Bonds private placement - fixed rate                         | \$465,000                | \$465,000               | 5.5   |
| Term loan - variable rate                                    | 350,000                  | 350,000                 | 3.4   |
| Bonds public offering - fixed rate                           | 594,883                  | 297,084                 | 9.2   |
| Unsecured debt   | 1,409,883                | 1,112,084               |   |
| Lines of credit  | 15,352                   | 141,000                 | 0.3   |
| Total unsecured debt and lines of credit                     | \$1,425,235              | \$1,253,084             |   |
| Weighted average interest rate on fixed rate unsecured bonds | 4.0                      | % 4.2                   | %   |
| Weighted average interest rate on variable rate term loan    | 2.5                      | % 2.7                   | %   |
| Weighted average interest rate on line of credit             | 2.2                      | % 2.3                   | %   |

In April 2013, the Company issued \$300 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.25% Senior Notes due on May 1, 2023 and such amount is included in the line item "Bonds public offering-fixed rate", in the table above.

## (7) Segment Information

The Company defines its reportable operating segments as the three geographical regions in which its apartment communities are located: Southern California, Northern California and Seattle Metro. Excluded from segment revenues are properties classified in discontinued operations, management and other fees from affiliates, and interest and other income. Non-segment revenues and net operating income included in the following schedule also consist of revenue generated from commercial properties. Other non-segment assets include real estate under development, co-investments, cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, notes and other receivables, prepaid expenses and other assets and deferred charges.

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The revenues, net operating income, and assets for each of the reportable operating segments are summarized as follows for the three and six months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (dollars in thousands):

|   | Three Months Ended |           | Nine Months Ended |            |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
|   | September 30,      |           | September 30,     |            |
|   | 2013               | 2012      | 2013              | 2012       |
| Revenues:                               |                    |           |                   |            |
| Southern California                     | \$67,114           | \$64,339  | \$199,177         | \$184,255  |
| Northern California                     | 54,755             | 43,605    | 158,614           | 127,797    |
| Seattle Metro                           | 27,212             | 23,559    | 79,443            | 67,436     |
| Other real estate assets                | 3,864              | 3,015     | 11,084            | 9,154      |
| Total property revenues                 | \$152,945          | \$134,518 | \$448,318         | \$388,642  |
| Net operating income:                   |                    |           |                   |            |
| Southern California                     | \$44,084           | \$41,932  | \$132,983         | \$122,868  |
| Northern California                     | 37,822             | 29,572    | 109,567           | 87,740     |
| Seattle Metro                           | 18,047             | 15,411    | 52,453            | 44,481     |
| Other real estate assets                | 2,429              | 2,530     | 7,673             | 6,399      |
| Total net operating income              | 102,382            | 89,445    | 302,676           | 261,488    |
| Management and other fees               | 2,957              | 3,072     | 9,139             | 8,312      |
| Depreciation                            | (48,438 )          | (42,897 ) | (143,320 )        | (125,137 ) |
| General and administrative              | (6,075 )           | (5,276 )  | (18,925 )         | (16,440 )  |
| Cost of management and other fees       | (1,613 )           | (1,642 )  | (5,047 )          | (4,893 )   |
| Interest expense before amortization    | (26,187 )          | (25,064 ) | (77,724 )         | (74,380 )  |
| Amortization expense                    | (3,005 )           | (2,927 )  | (8,937 )          | (8,681 )   |
| Interest and other income               | 2,387              | 3,003     | 9,326             | 10,869     |
| Equity income from co-investments       | 40,802             | 3,547     | 52,295            | 8,998      |
| Gain (loss) on early retirement of debt | (178 )             | (1,211 )  | 846               | (2,661 )   |
| Gain on sale of land                    | -                  | -         | 1,503             | -          |
| Gain on remeasurement of co-investment  | -                  | -         | -                 | 21,947     |
| Income from continuing operations       | \$63,032           | \$20,050  | \$121,832         | \$79,422   |

Total assets for each of the reportable operating segments are summarized as follows as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

|   | September   | December    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 30,         | 31,         |
|   | 2013        | 2012        |
| Assets:   |             |             |
| Southern California                                   | \$1,650,435 | \$1,675,265 |
| Northern California                                   | 1,620,434   | 1,489,095   |
| Seattle Metro   | 723,175     | 699,465     |
| Other real estate assets                              | 86,776      | 88,330      |
| Net reportable operating segment - real estate assets | 4,080,820   | 3,952,155   |

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|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Real estate under development                        | 45,804      | 66,851      |
| Co-investments                                       | 674,075     | 571,345     |
| Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash | 55,994      | 42,126      |
| Marketable securities                                | 89,899      | 92,713      |
| Notes and other receivables                          | 67,628      | 66,163      |
| Other non-segment assets                             | 71,382      | 55,870      |
| Total assets   | \$5,085,602 | \$4,847,223 |

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## (8) Net Income Per Common Share

(Amounts in thousands, except per share and unit data)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2013 |  |                                  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2012 |  |                                  |
|--|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Income                                   | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common<br>Shares | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount | Income                                   | Weighted-<br>average<br>Common<br>Shares | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount |
| <b>Basic:</b>  |  |  |                                  |  |  |                                  |
| Income from continuing operations available to common stockholders     | \$56,644                                 | 37,321                                   | \$ 1.52                          | \$16,057                                 | 35,601                                   | \$ 0.45                          |
| Income from discontinued operations available to common stockholders   | 12,144                                   | 37,321                                   | 0.32                             | 162                                      | 35,601                                   | 0.01                             |
|  | 68,788                                   |  | \$ 1.84                          | 16,219                                   |  | \$ 0.46                          |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities (1)                                      | 54                                       | 116                                      |                                  | -  | 99                                       |                                  |
| <b>Diluted:</b>  |  |  |                                  |  |  |                                  |
| Income from continuing operations available to common stockholders     | 56,698                                   | 37,437                                   | \$ 1.52                          | 16,057                                   | 35,700                                   | \$ 0.44                          |
| Income from discontinued operations available to common stockholders   | 12,144                                   | 37,437                                   | 0.32                             | 162                                      | 35,700                                   | 0.01                             |
|  | \$68,842                                 |  | \$ 1.84                          | \$16,219                                 |  | \$ 0.45                          |
|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, 2013  |  |                                  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, 2012  |  |                                  |
|  | Income                                   | Weighted<br>Average<br>Common<br>Shares  | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount | Income                                   | Weighted<br>Average<br>Common<br>Shares  | Per<br>Common<br>Share<br>Amount |
| <b>Basic:</b>  |  |  |                                  |  |  |                                  |
| Income before discontinued operations available to common stockholders | \$106,337                                | 37,207                                   | \$ 2.86                          | \$66,129                                 | 34,736                                   | \$ 1.90                          |
| Income from discontinued operations available to common stockholders   | 12,600                                   | 37,207                                   | 0.34                             | 9,890                                    | 34,736                                   | 0.29                             |
|  | 118,937                                  |  | \$ 3.20                          | 76,019                                   |  | \$ 2.19                          |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities (1)                                      | -  | 89                                       |                                  | -  | 98                                       |                                  |
| <b>Diluted:</b>  |  |  |                                  |  |  |                                  |
| Income from continuing operations available to common stockholders (1) | 106,337                                  | 37,296                                   | 2.85                             | \$66,129                                 | 34,834                                   | 1.90                             |
|  | 12,600                                   | 37,296                                   | 0.34                             | 9,890                                    | 34,834                                   | 0.28                             |

Income from discontinued operations available to  
common stockholders

|           |         |          |         |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------|
| \$118,937 | \$ 3.19 | \$76,019 | \$ 2.18 |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------|

Weighted average convertible limited partnership units of 2,146,929 and 2,235,783, which include vested Series Z-1 incentive units, for the three months ended September 30, 2013, and 2012, respectively, and 2,126,204 and 2,239,987 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, were not included in the determination of diluted EPS because they were anti-dilutive. Income allocated to convertible limited partnership units, which includes vested Series Z-1 units, aggregating \$4.0 million and \$1.1 million for the three months ended (1) September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$7.0 million and \$5.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, have been excluded from income available to common stockholders for the calculation of diluted income per common share since these units are excluded from the diluted weighted average common shares for the period as the effect was anti-dilutive. The Company has the ability to redeem DownREIT limited partnership units for cash and does not consider them to be potentially dilutive securities.

Stock options of 38,825 and 38,825 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation because the effects on earnings per share were anti-dilutive.

Shares of Series G cumulative convertible preferred stock have been excluded in diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 as the effect was anti-dilutive.

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## (9) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company has entered into interest rate swap contracts with an aggregate notional amount of \$300 million that effectively fixed the interest rate on \$300 million of the \$350 million unsecured term loan at 2.29%. These derivatives qualify for hedge accounting.

As of September 30, 2013 the Company also had ten interest rate cap contracts totaling a notional amount of \$176.3 million that qualify for hedge accounting as they effectively limit the Company's exposure to interest rate risk by providing a ceiling on the underlying variable interest rate for substantially all of the Company's tax exempt variable rate debt.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 the aggregate carrying value of the interest rate swap contracts was a liability of \$3.2 million and \$6.6 million, respectively. The aggregate carrying value of the interest rate cap contracts was zero on the balance sheet as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

## (10) Discontinued Operations

The Company classifies real estate as "held for sale" when the sale is considered to be probable. In August 2013, the Company sold Linden Square, located in Seattle, Washington, for \$25.3 million resulting in a gain of \$12.7 million.

During the first quarter of 2012, the Company sold Tierra Del Sol/Norte, a 156 unit community located in San Diego, California for \$17.2 million for a gain of \$7.0 million. Also in the first quarter of 2012, the Company sold Alpine Country, a 108 unit community located in San Diego metropolitan area, for \$11.1 million for a gain of \$3.9 million.

The components of discontinued operations are outlined below and include the results of operations for the respective periods that the Company owned such assets, as described above (dollars in thousands).

|                                      | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2013 |       | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 |          |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------|---|----------|
| Rental revenues                      | \$385  | \$552 | \$1,578                                       | \$2,275  |
| Property operating expenses          | (151 )   | (236) | (573 )  | (997 )   |
| Depreciation and amortization        | (49 )  | (144) | (342 )  | (533 )   |
| Income from real estate sold         | 185  | 172   | 663   | 745      |
| Gain on sale                         | 12,658   | -     | 12,658  | 10,870   |
| Internal disposition costs and taxes | -  | -     | -   | (1,087 ) |
| Income from discontinued operations  | \$12,843                                       | \$172 | \$13,321                                      | \$10,528 |

## (11) Commitments and Contingencies

As of September 30, 2013, the Company had six non-cancelable ground leases for certain apartment communities and buildings that expire between 2027 and 2080. Ground lease payments are typically the greater of a stated minimum or

a percentage of gross rents generated by these apartment communities. Total minimum lease commitments, under ground leases and operating leases, are approximately \$1.7 million per year for the next five years.

To the extent that an environmental matter arises or is identified in the future that has other than a remote risk of having a material impact on the financial statements, the Company will disclose the estimated range of possible outcomes, and, if an outcome is probable, accrue an appropriate liability for remediation and other potential liability. The Company will consider whether such occurrence results in an impairment of value on the affected property and, if so, impairment will be recognized.

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The Company provided a payment guarantee to the counterparties in relation to the total return swaps entered into by the joint venture responsible for the development of The Huxley (formerly Fountain at La Brea) and The Dylan (formerly Santa Monica at La Brea) communities. Further the Company has guaranteed completion of development and made certain debt service guarantees for The Huxley and The Dylan. The outstanding balance for the loans is included in the debt line item in the summarized balance sheet of the co-investments included in Note 3. The payment guarantee is for the payment of the amounts due to the counterparty related to the total return swaps which are scheduled to mature in September and December 2016. The maximum exposure of the guarantee as of September 30, 2013 was \$88.9 million based on the aggregate outstanding debt amount.

The Company is subject to various other lawsuits in the normal course of its business operations. Such lawsuits are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying Notes thereto included elsewhere herein and with the Company's 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The Company is a fully integrated Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT"), and its property revenues are generated primarily from apartment community operations. The Company's investment strategy has two components: constant monitoring of existing markets, and evaluation of new markets in the Company's current three geographical regions to identify areas with the characteristics that underlie rental growth. The Company's strong financial condition supports its investment strategy by enhancing its ability to quickly shift the Company's acquisition, development, and disposition activities to markets that will optimize the performance of the portfolio.

As of September 30, 2013, the Company had ownership interests in 163 apartment communities, comprising 34,416 apartment units, excluding the Company's ownership in preferred equity interest co-investments, and the Company also had ownership interests in five commercial buildings with approximately 323,600 square feet. The Company's apartment communities are located in the following major West Coast regions:

Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties)

Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area)

Seattle Metro (Seattle metropolitan area)

As of September 30, 2013, the Company's development pipeline was comprised of two consolidated projects under development, nine unconsolidated joint venture projects under development, and one consolidated predevelopment project, all aggregating 2,701 units, with total incurred costs of \$618.2 million, and estimated remaining project costs of approximately \$484.8 million for total estimated project costs of \$1.1 billion.

The Company's consolidated apartment communities are as follows:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| As of         | As of         |
| September 30, | September 30, |
| 2013          | 2012          |

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|                     | Apartment<br>Units | %    | Apartment<br>Units | %    |
|---------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Southern California | 13,656             | 46 % | 13,656             | 48 % |
| Northern California | 9,427              | 32 % | 8,332              | 29 % |
| Seattle Metro       | 6,645              | 22 % | 6,508              | 23 % |
| Total               | 29,728             | 100% | 28,496             | 100% |

Co-investments, including Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P. ("Fund II"), and Wesco I, LLC ("Wesco I") and Wesco III, LLC ("Wesco III") communities, and preferred equity interest co-investment communities are not included in the table presented above for both periods.

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Comparison of the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012

The Company's average financial occupancies for the Company's stabilized apartment communities or "Quarterly Same-Property" (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the quarters ended September 30, 2013 and 2012) decreased 30 basis points to 95.7% as of September 30, 2013 from 96.0% as of September 30, 2012. Financial occupancy is defined as the percentage resulting from dividing actual rental revenue by total possible rental revenue. Actual rental revenue represents contractual rental revenue pursuant to leases without considering delinquency and concessions. Total possible rental revenue represents the value of all apartment units, with occupied units valued at contractual rental rates pursuant to leases and vacant units valued at estimated market rents. We believe that financial occupancy is a meaningful measure of occupancy because it considers the value of each vacant unit at its estimated market rate.

Market rates are determined using the recently signed effective rates on new leases at the property and are used as the starting point in the determination of the market rates of vacant units. The Company may increase or decrease these rates based on the supply and demand in the apartment community's market. The Company will check the reasonableness of these rents based on its position within the market and compare the rents against the asking rents by comparable properties in the market. Financial occupancy may not completely reflect short-term trends in physical occupancy and financial occupancy rates, as disclosed by other REITs, may not be comparable to the Company's calculation of financial occupancy.

The Company does not take into account delinquency and concessions to calculate actual rent for occupied units and market rents for vacant units. The calculation of financial occupancy compares contractual rates for occupied units to estimated market rents for unoccupied units, thus the calculation compares the gross value of all apartment units excluding delinquency and concessions. For apartment communities that are development properties in lease-up without stabilized occupancy figures, the Company believes the physical occupancy rate is the appropriate performance metric. While an apartment community is in the lease-up phase, the Company's primary motivation is to stabilize the property which may entail the use of rent concessions and other incentives, and thus financial occupancy which is based on contractual revenue is not considered the best metric to quantify occupancy.

The regional breakdown of the Company's Quarterly Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

|                     | Three months<br>ended<br>September 30,<br>2013 2012 |       |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| Southern California | 95.7%   | 95.9% |
| Northern California | 95.8%   | 96.4% |
| Seattle Metro       | 95.8%   | 95.7% |

The following table provides a breakdown of revenue amounts, including revenues attributable to the Quarterly Same-Property portfolio:

|  | Number<br>of<br>Properties | Three Months Ended    |                       | Dollar<br>Change | Percentage<br>Change |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|  |                            | September 30,<br>2013 | September 30,<br>2012 |                  |                      |
| Property Revenues (dollars in thousands) |                            |                       |                       |                  |                      |
| Quarterly Same-Property:                 |                            |                       |                       |                  |                      |
| Southern California                      | 60                         | \$59,854              | \$57,382              | \$2,472          | 4.3 %                |

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|  |     |            |            |           |        |
|--|-----|------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Northern California                      | 35  | 46,838     | 43,096     | 3,742     | 8.7    |
| Seattle Metro                            | 29  | 23,663     | 21,865     | 1,798     | 8.2    |
| Total Quarterly Same-Property revenues   | 124 | 130,355    | 122,343    | 8,012     | 6.5    |
| Quarterly Non-Same Property Revenues (1) |     | 22,590     | 12,175     | 10,415    | 85.5   |
| Total property revenues                  |     | \$ 152,945 | \$ 134,518 | \$ 18,427 | 13.7 % |

(1) Includes thirteen communities acquired after January 1, 2012, two redevelopment communities and one commercial building.

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Quarterly Same-Property Revenues increased by \$8.0 million or 6.5% to \$130.4 million in the third quarter of 2013 from \$122.3 million in the third quarter of 2012. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in scheduled rents of \$7.7 million as reflected in an increase of 6.4% in average rental rates from \$1,519 per unit in the third quarter of 2012 to \$1,616 per unit in the second quarter of 2013. Scheduled rents increased by 4.2%, 8.7%, and 7.8% in Southern California, Northern California, and Seattle Metro, respectively. Quarterly Same-Property financial occupancy decreased 30 basis points from the third quarter of 2012 which offset the increase in Quarterly Same-Property Revenues by \$0.8 million. On a sequential basis the Company experienced Quarterly Same-Property revenue growth from the second quarter of 2013 to the third quarter of 2013 of \$2.9 million or 2.3%, resulting from sequential revenue growth in all three regions mainly driven by a 2.4% increase in scheduled rents and an offset by a decrease of 40 basis points in occupancy compared to the second quarter of 2013.

Quarterly Non-Same Property Revenues increased by \$10.4 million or 85.5% to \$22.6 million in the third quarter of 2013 from \$12.2 million in the third quarter of 2012. The increase was primarily due to revenue generated from thirteen communities acquired or consolidated since January 1, 2012 (Reed Square, Essex Skyline at MacArthur Place, Park Catalina, The Huntington, Montebello, Park West, Domaine, Ascent, Willow Lake, Bennett Lofts, Annaliese, Fox Plaza and Slater 116).

Management and other Fees decreased by \$0.1 million in the third quarter of 2013 as compared to the third quarter of 2012. The decrease is primarily due to a reduction of \$0.7 million in asset and property management fees from the sale of eight Fund II communities since the fourth quarter of 2012. Four communities owned by Fund II were sold in the third quarter of 2013, and the remaining two communities are expected to be sold in the 2014. The decrease was offset by asset and property management fees earned from Wesco I and III co-investments formed during 2012, and development fees earned from the joint ventures formed in 2012 and 2013 to develop Epic, Connolly Station, Elkhorn, Mosso I and II, The Huxley, The Dylan, The Village, and One South Market.

Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes increased \$3.2 million or 9.9% to \$36.0 million in the third quarter of 2013 from \$32.8 million in the third quarter of 2012, primarily due to the acquisition of thirteen communities. Quarterly Same-Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes, increased by \$0.4 million or 1.3% for the third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012, due to a \$0.2 million increase in utility expense and administrative costs.

Real estate taxes increased by \$2.3 million or 18.3% for the third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012, due primarily to the acquisition of thirteen communities. Quarterly Same-Property real estate taxes increased by \$0.8 million or 7.1% for third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012 due to \$0.3 million or a 17.7% increase in property taxes for the Seattle Metro due to higher assessed values for 2013, and an increase of 2% in property taxes for the majority of the properties located in California.

Depreciation expense increased by \$5.5 million or 12.9% for the third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012, due to the acquisition of thirteen communities. Also, the increase is due to the capitalization of approximately \$75.0 million in additions to rental properties through the third quarter of 2013, including \$32.5 million spent on redevelopment, and \$14.4 million on improvements to recent acquisitions, and the capitalization of approximately \$97.9 million in additions to rental properties in 2012, including \$40.2 million spent on redevelopment, \$13.7 million spent on improvement to recent acquisitions, and \$7.7 million spent on revenue generating capital expenditures.

General and administrative expense increased \$0.8 million or 15.1% for third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012 primarily due to annual compensation increases for merit, investments in technology, and the addition of staff.

Interest expense before amortization increased \$1.1 million or 4.5% for third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012 due to an increase in average outstanding debt for the funding of 2012 and 2013 acquisitions and

development pipeline.

Interest and other income decreased by \$0.6 million for the third quarter of 2013 compared to 2012 primarily due to a decrease in interest income in 2013 due to the repayment of \$30.5 million of three note receivables in the first half of 2013.

Equity income in co-investments increased \$37.3 million in the third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012 primarily due to the Company's share of the gain on the sale of four Fund II communities, net of internal disposition costs, of \$36.4 million and \$0.4 million income earned from the restructuring of a preferred equity investment. Additionally, equity income increased with our share of income earned from four communities acquired by the Wesco joint ventures in the second half of 2012 and two communities in the second quarter of 2013.

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The increase in equity income in the third quarter of 2013 from the Wesco joint ventures communities were offset by the sale of four Fund II communities sold in the third quarter of 2013.

Income from discontinued operations increased by \$12.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2012 and such increase is primarily due to the a gain of \$12.7 million from the sale of Linden Square along with the operating results for the property.

Comparison of the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

Our average financial occupancies for the Company's stabilized apartment communities or "2013/2012 Same-Property" (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012) decreased 30 basis points to 96.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 96.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

The regional breakdown of the Company's 2013/2012 Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

|                     | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30,<br>2013 |       | 2012 |
|---------------------|--|-------|------|
| Southern California | 96.0%  | 96.2% |      |
| Northern California | 96.3%  | 96.8% |      |
| Seattle Metro       | 96.1%  | 96.2% |      |

The following table provides a breakdown of revenue amounts, including revenues attributable to the 2013/2012 Same-Property portfolio:

|  | Number<br>of<br>Properties | Nine Months Ended     |           | Dollar<br>Change | Percentage<br>Change |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|
|  |                            | September 30,<br>2013 | 2012      |                  |                      |
| Property Revenues (dollars in thousands) |                            |                       |           |                  |                      |
| 2013/2012 Same-Properties:               |                            |                       |           |                  |                      |
| Southern California.                     | 60                         | \$177,538             | \$170,314 | \$7,224          | 4.2 %                |
| Northern California                      | 35                         | 136,835               | 126,560   | 10,275           | 8.1                  |
| Seattle Metro                            | 29                         | 69,146                | 64,234    | 4,912            | 7.6                  |
| Total 2013/2012 Same-Property revenues   | 124                        | 383,519               | 361,108   | 22,411           | 6.2                  |
| 2013/2012 Non-Same Property Revenues (1) |                            | 64,799                | 27,534    | 37,265           | 135.3                |
| Total property revenues                  |                            | \$448,318             | \$388,642 | \$59,676         | 15.4 %               |

(1) Includes thirteen communities acquired after January 1, 2012, two redevelopment communities and one commercial building.

2013/2012 Same-Property Revenues increased by \$22.4 million or 6.2% to \$383.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$361.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in scheduled rents of \$22.0 million as reflected in an increase of 6.2% in average rental rates from \$1,489 per unit for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 to \$1,582 per unit for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Scheduled rents increased by 4.1%, 8.4%, and 7.8% in Southern California, Northern California,

and Seattle Metro, respectively. Income from utility billings and other income also increased \$1.8 million, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012. 2013/2012 Same-Property financial occupancy decreased 30 basis points from the first nine months ended September 30, 2012 which offset the increase in 2013/2012 Same-Property Revenues by \$2.5 million. Vacancy loss increased \$0.7 million, due to additional redevelopment activity at the properties compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

2013/2012 Non-Same Property Revenues increased by \$37.3 million or 135% to \$64.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$27.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase was primarily due to revenue generated from thirteen communities acquired or consolidated since January 1, 2012 (Reed Square, Essex Skyline at MacArthur Place, Park Catalina, The Huntington, Montebello, Park West, Domaine, Ascent, Willow Lake, Bennett Lofts, Annaliese, Fox Plaza and Slater 116).

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Management and other fees increased by \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase is primarily due to the asset and property management fees earned from Wesco I and III co-investments formed during 2012, and development fees earned from the development joint ventures formed in 2013 and 2012 to develop Epic, Expo, Connolly Station, Elkhorn, Mosso I and II, The Huxley, The Dylan, The Village, and One South Market. The increase in management fees was offset by a reduction of \$1.5 million in asset and property management fees from the sale of eight Fund II communities since the fourth quarter of 2012. Four communities owned by Fund II were sold in the third quarter of 2013, and the remaining two communities are expected to be sold in 2014.

Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes increased \$11.0 million or 11.9% to \$102.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$91.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, primarily due to the acquisition of thirteen communities. 2013/2012 Same-Property operating expenses, excluding real estate taxes, increased by \$2.8 million or 3.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the same period in 2012, due to a \$1.2 million increase in repairs and maintenance expense, a \$0.8 million increase in administrative costs and a \$0.7 million increase in utility expense.

Real estate taxes increased by \$7.5 million or 21.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to the acquisition of thirteen communities. 2013/2012 Same-Property real estate taxes increased by \$2.2 million or 6.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012 due to \$1.2 million or a 21.4% increase in property taxes for the Seattle Metro due to higher assessed values for 2013, and an increase of 2% in property taxes for the majority of the properties located in California.

Depreciation expense increased by \$18.2 million or 14.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to the acquisition of thirteen communities. Also, the increase is due to the capitalization of approximately \$75.0 million in additions to rental properties through the third quarter of 2013, including \$32.5 million spent on redevelopment, and \$14.4 million on improvements to recent acquisitions, and the capitalization of approximately \$97.9 million in additions to rental properties in 2012, including \$40.2 million spent on redevelopment, \$13.7 million spent on improvement to recent acquisitions, and \$7.7 million spent on revenue generating capital expenditures.

General and administrative expense increased \$2.5 million or 15.1% for nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012, primarily due to annual compensation increases for merit, investments in technology, and the addition of staff.

Interest expense before amortization increased \$3.3 million or 4.5% for nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to an increase in average outstanding debt for the funding of 2012 and 2013 acquisitions and development pipeline.

Interest and other income decreased by \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to \$2.3 million of promote income earned from achieving certain performance hurdles related to the Essex Skyline co-investment and the sale of marketable securities for a gain of \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to a gain of \$1.8 million earned from the sale of marketable securities in the nine months ended September 30, 2013, and lower interest income in 2013 due to the repayment of \$30.5 million of three note receivables in the first half of 2013.

Equity income (loss) in co-investments increased \$43.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012, primarily due to the Company's share of the gain on the sale of five Fund II communities, net of internal disposition costs, of \$38.8 million and \$0.9 million income earned from the early prepayment of a preferred equity investments in 2013. Additionally, equity income increased with income

earned from four communities acquired by the Wesco joint ventures in the second half of 2012 and two communities in the second quarter of 2013. The increase in equity income in 2013 by the Wesco joint ventures were offset by the sale of eight Fund II communities since the fourth quarter of 2012 and four communities sold in the third quarter of 2013.

Gain (loss) on early retirement of debt was a gain of \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to a loss of \$2.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. In the second quarter of 2013, a gain of \$1.5 million was earned from the redemption of the Mello Roos bonds related to one community. This gain was offset by \$0.6 million of losses incurred from the prepayment of three secured debt loans in the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

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Gain on remeasurement of co-investment of \$21.9 million for the first nine months of September 30, 2012 was due to the Company's acquisition of the joint venture partner's membership interest in Essex Skyline at MacArthur Place which the Company subsequently consolidated. Upon consolidation, a gain was recorded equal to the amount by which the fair value of the Company's noncontrolling interest exceeded its carrying value.

Income from discontinued operations for the first nine months of September 30, 2013 was \$13.3 million and included a gain of \$12.7 million from the sale of Linden Square. Income for discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 included a gain of \$9.8 million, net of internal disposition costs from the sale of Tierra del Sol/Norte and Alpine Country. The operating results for these properties, are recorded in the respective periods that the Company owned such assets.

## Liquidity and Capital

As of November 1, 2013, Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), Moody's Investor Service, and Standard and Poor's ("S&P") credit agencies rated Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Essex Portfolio, L.P. BBB+/Stable, Baa2/Stable, and BBB/Stable, respectively.

As of September 30, 2013, the Company had \$9.5 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and \$89.9 million in marketable securities, of which \$33.2 million were available for sale. We believe that cash flows generated by our operations, existing cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities balances, availability under existing lines of credit, access to capital markets and the ability to generate cash from the disposition of real estate are sufficient to meet all of our reasonably anticipated cash needs during the next twelve months. The timing, source and amounts of cash flows provided by financing activities and used in investing activities are sensitive to changes in interest rates and other fluctuations in the capital markets environment, which can affect our plans for acquisitions, dispositions, development and redevelopment activities.

The Company has two lines of unsecured credit aggregating \$625.0 million. As of September 30, 2013 there was no balance outstanding on the \$600 million unsecured line. The underlying interest rate on the \$600 million line is based on a tiered rate structure tied to the Company's credit ratings on the credit facility and the rate was LIBOR + 1.075% as of September 30, 2013. This facility matures in December 2015 with two one-year extensions, exercisable by the Company. The Company has a working capital unsecured line of credit agreement for \$25.0 million. This facility matures in January 2014, with a one year extension option. As of September 30, 2013, there was a \$15.4 million outstanding balance on the \$25 million unsecured line. The underlying interest rate on the \$25.0 million line is based on a tiered rate structure tied to Fitch and S&P ratings on the credit facility of LIBOR plus 1.075%.

On March 29, 2013, the Company entered into equity distribution agreements with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co, Barclays Capital Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Liquidnet, Inc., Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., which superseded the equity distribution agreements entered into in March 2012 with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., Barclays Capital Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp., Liquidnet, Inc., Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company sold 817,445 shares of common stock for \$122.9 million, net of commissions, at an average per share price of \$151.82. During the third quarter of 2013 and October 2013, the Company did not sell any shares of common stock. Under this program, the Company may from time to time sell shares of common stock into the existing trading market at current market prices, and the Company anticipates using the net proceeds to potentially acquire, develop, or redevelop properties, which primarily will be apartment communities, to make other investments and for working capital or general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment of indebtedness. As of November 1, 2013, the Company may sell an additional 5,000,000 shares under the current equity distribution program.

During March 2013, the Company filed a new shelf registration statement with the SEC, allowing the Company to sell an undetermined number or amount of certain equity and debt securities as defined in the prospectus.

During April 2013, the Company, through its Operating Partnership, issued \$300 million of senior unsecured bonds due May 1, 2023 with a coupon rate of 3.25% per annum. The interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing November 1, 2013 until the maturity date of May 1, 2023. The Company used the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness under the Company's \$600 million unsecured line of credit facility and for other general corporate and working capital purposes.

As of September 30, 2013, the Company's mortgage notes payable totaled \$1.5 billion which consisted of \$1.3 billion in fixed rate debt with interest rates varying from 4.3% to 6.4% and maturity dates ranging from 2014 to 2021 and \$187.2 million of tax exempt variable rate debt with a weighted average interest rate of 1.6%. The tax-exempt variable rate demand notes have maturity dates ranging from 2013 to 2039, and \$176.3 million are subject to interest rate caps.

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The Company pays quarterly dividends from cash available for distribution. Until it is distributed, cash available for distribution is invested by the Company primarily in investment grade securities held available for sale or is used by the Company to reduce balances outstanding under its line of credit.

The Company has benefited from borrowing from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and there are no assurances that these entities will lend to the Company in the future. To the extent that the Company's access to capital and credit is at a higher cost than the Company has experienced in recent years (reflected in higher interest rates for debt financing or a lower stock price for equity financing) the Company's ability to make acquisitions, develop communities, obtain new financing, and refinance existing borrowing at competitive rates could be adversely impacted. For the past two years the Company has primarily issued unsecured debt and repaid secured debt when it has matured to place less reliance on mortgage debt financing, and to unencumber more of the Company's communities.

## Derivative Activity

The Company uses interest rate swaps and interest rate cap contracts to manage certain interest rate risks. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves. The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves. The Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 the aggregate carrying value of the interest rate swap contracts was a liability of \$3.2 million and \$6.6 million, respectively. The aggregate carrying value of the interest rate cap contracts was zero on the balance sheet as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

## Development and Predevelopment Pipeline

The Company defines development activities as new properties that are being constructed, or are newly constructed and, in the case of development communities, are in a phase of lease-up and have not yet reached stabilized operations. As of September 30, 2013, the Company had two consolidated development projects, and nine unconsolidated joint venture development projects aggregating 2,501 units for an estimated cost of \$1.09 billion, of which \$484.8 million remains to be expended.

The Company had one predevelopment project aggregating 200 units with an aggregate carrying value of \$11.5 million as of September 30, 2013. The Company expects to fund the development and predevelopment pipeline by using a combination of some or all of the following sources: its working capital, amounts available on its lines of credit, net proceeds from public and private equity and debt issuances, and proceeds from the disposition of properties, if any.

## Alternative Capital Sources

Fund II has eight institutional investors, and the Company, with combined partner equity contributions of \$265.9 million. The Company contributed \$75.0 million to Fund II, which represents a 28.2% interest as general partner and limited partner, and the Company uses the equity method of accounting for its investment in Fund II. Fund II utilized leverage equal to approximately 55% upon the initial acquisition of the underlying real estate. Fund II invested in apartment communities in the Company's targeted West Coast markets and, as of December 31, 2012, owned seven

apartment communities. The Company records revenue for its asset management, property management, development and redevelopment services when earned, and promote income when realized if Fund II exceeds certain financial return benchmarks. Seven communities were sold during 2012 from Fund II, five additional properties were sold through September 2013, and the Company expects to sell the remaining two communities in 2014. The Company has exercised its one-year extension option which provides for the liquidation of Fund II by September 2014. In July 2013, Fund II repaid the Company for \$42.4 million in short-term bridge loans at LIBOR + 1.75% from the proceeds from the sale of two properties.

Wesco I is a 50/50 programmatic joint venture with an institutional partner formed in 2011 for a total equity commitment of \$300.0 million. Each partner's equity commitment is \$150.0 million. Wesco I utilizes debt as leverage equal to approximately 50% of the underlying real estate. The Company has contributed \$150.0 million to Wesco I, and as of September 30, 2013, Wesco I owned nine apartment communities with 2,713 units with an aggregate carrying value of \$667.6 million.

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Wesco III is a 50/50 programmatic joint venture with an institutional partner formed in 2012 for a total equity commitment of \$120.0 million. Each partner's commitment is \$60.0 million. Wesco III utilizes debt as leverage equal to approximately 50% of the underlying real estate. The Company has contributed \$38.4 million to Wesco III, and as of September 30, 2013, Wesco III owned three apartment communities with 657 units with an aggregate carrying value of \$162.3 million.

In March 2013, Wesco III repaid a \$26.0 million short-term bridge loan. Wesco III used the proceeds from a \$27.3 million loan secured by Haver Hill at 3.1% for a term of seven years to repay the bridge loan. In the second quarter of 2013, the Company provided short-term bridge loans to Wesco III of \$56.8 million at a rate of LIBOR + 2.50% to assist with the purchase of Regency at Mountain View and Gas Company Lofts apartment communities. The bridge loans to Wesco III are expected to be repaid by the end of the fourth quarter when secured financing is originated for these properties.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. The Company defines critical accounting policies as those accounting policies that require the Company's management to exercise their most difficult, subjective and complex judgments. The Company's critical accounting policies and estimates relate principally to the following key areas: (i) consolidation under applicable accounting standards for entities that are not wholly owned; (ii) assessing the carrying values of our real estate properties and investments in and advances to joint ventures and affiliates; (iii) internal cost capitalization; and (iv) qualification as a REIT. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, current market conditions, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from those estimates made by management.

The Company's critical accounting policies and estimates have not changed materially from information reported in Note 2, "Summary of Critical and Significant Accounting Policies," in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

## Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements in this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q which are not historical facts may be considered forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements regarding the Company's expectations, hopes, intentions, beliefs and strategies regarding the future. Forward looking statements include statements regarding the Company's expectations as to the total projected costs of predevelopment, development and redevelopment projects, the Company's reduced risk of loss from mold cases, beliefs as to our ability to meet our cash needs during the next twelve months, expectations as to the sources for funding the Company's development and redevelopment pipeline, the timing and proceeds of the sale of the Fund II properties, repayments of bridge loans and statements regarding the Company's financing activities.

Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors including, but not limited to, that the Company will fail to achieve its business objectives, that the total projected costs of current predevelopment, development and redevelopment projects exceed expectations, that such development and redevelopment projects will not be completed, that development and redevelopment projects and acquisitions will fail to meet expectations, that estimates of future income from an acquired property may prove to be inaccurate, that future cash flows will be inadequate to meet operating requirements, that there may be a downturn in the markets in which the Company's properties are located, that the terms of any refinancing may not be as favorable as the terms of

existing indebtedness, and that mold lawsuits will be more costly than anticipated, as well as those risks, special considerations, and other factors referred to in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and those risk factors and special considerations set forth in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, and the Company assumes no obligation to update this information.

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Funds from Operations (“FFO”)

FFO is a financial measure that is commonly used in the REIT industry. The Company presents funds from operations as a supplemental operating performance measure. FFO is not used by the Company as, nor should it be considered to be, an alternative to net earnings computed under GAAP as an indicator of the Company’s operating performance or as an alternative to cash from operating activities computed under GAAP as an indicator of the Company’s ability to fund its cash needs.

FFO is not meant to represent a comprehensive system of financial reporting and does not present, nor does it intend to present, a complete picture of the Company's financial condition and operating performance. The Company believes that net earnings computed under GAAP remain the primary measure of performance and that FFO is only meaningful when it is used in conjunction with net earnings. The Company considers FFO and FFO excluding non-recurring items and acquisition costs (referred to as “Core FFO”) to be useful financial performance measurements of an equity REIT because, together with net income and cash flows, FFO provides investors with an additional basis to evaluate operating performance and ability of a REIT to incur and service debt and to fund acquisitions and other capital expenditures and ability to pay dividends. Further, the Company believes that its consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with GAAP, provide the most meaningful picture of its financial condition and its operating performance.

In calculating FFO, the Company follows the definition for this measure published by the National Association of REITs (“NAREIT”), which is a REIT trade association. The Company believes that, under the NAREIT FFO definition, the two most significant adjustments made to net income are (i) the exclusion of historical cost depreciation and (ii) the exclusion of gains and losses (including impairment charges on depreciable real estate) from the sale of previously depreciated properties. The Company agrees that these two NAREIT adjustments are useful to investors for the following reason:

historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP assumes, through depreciation charges, that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. NAREIT stated in its White Paper on Funds from Operations “since real estate asset values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many (a) industry investors have considered presentations of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves.” Consequently, NAREIT’s definition of FFO reflects the fact that real estate, as an asset class, generally appreciates over time and depreciation charges required by GAAP do not reflect the underlying economic realities.

REITs were created as a legal form of organization in order to encourage public ownership of real estate as an asset class through investment in firms that were in the business of long-term ownership and management of real estate. The exclusion, in NAREIT’s definition of FFO, of gains and losses (including impairment charges on (b) depreciable real estate) from the sales of previously depreciated operating real estate assets allows investors and analysts to readily identify the operating results of the long-term assets that form the core of a REIT’s activity and assists in comparing those operating results between periods.

Management believes that it has consistently applied the NAREIT definition of FFO to all periods presented.

However, there is judgment involved and other REITs’ calculation of FFO may vary from the NAREIT definition for this measure, and thus their disclosure of FFO may not be comparable to the Company’s calculation.

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The following table sets forth the Company's calculation of FFO and Core FFO for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands except for per share data):

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2013                                | 2012       | 2013                               | 2012       |
| Net income available to common stockholders  | \$68,788                            | \$16,219   | \$118,937                          | \$76,019   |
| Adjustments:   |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 48,487                              | 43,041     | 143,662                            | 125,669    |
| Gains not included in FFO, net of internal disposition costs   | (49,044 )                           | -          | (51,410 )                          | (31,730 )  |
| Depreciation add back from unconsolidated co-investments, and add back convertible preferred dividend - Series G | 3,723                               | 3,352      | 11,342                             | 11,102     |
| Noncontrolling interests related to Operating Partnership units  | 3,989                               | 1,077      | 7,037                              | 5,169      |
| Depreciation attributable to noncontrolling interest   | (327 )                              | (312 )     | (981 )                             | (904 )     |
| Funds from operations  | \$75,616                            | \$63,377   | \$228,587                          | \$185,325  |
| Funds from operations per share - diluted  | \$1.91                              | \$1.67     | \$5.79                             | \$4.99     |
| Non-core items:  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Loss (gain) on early retirement of debt  | 178                                 | 1,211      | (846 )                             | 2,661      |
| Income from early redemption of preferred equity investments   | (412 )                              | -          | (1,358 )                           | -          |
| Acquisition costs  | 237                                 | 277        | 792                                | 775        |
| Gain on sales of marketable securities and note prepayment   | -                                   | -          | (2,611 )                           | (521 )     |
| Gain on sale of land   | -                                   | -          | (1,503 )                           | -          |
| Co-investment promote income   | -                                   | -          | -                                  | (2,299 )   |
| Core FFO   | \$75,619                            | \$64,865   | \$223,061                          | \$185,941  |
| Core FFO per share-diluted   | \$1.91                              | \$1.71     | \$5.65                             | \$5.01     |
| Weighted average number shares outstanding diluted <sup>(1)</sup>  | 39,583,912                          | 37,969,407 | 39,456,163                         | 37,108,021 |

(1) Assumes conversion of all dilutive outstanding operating partnership interests in the Operating Partnership.

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## Net Operating Income (“NOI”)

Same-property net operating income (“NOI”) is considered by management to be an important supplemental performance measure to earnings from operations included in the Company’s consolidated statements of operations. The presentation of same-property NOI assists with the presentation of the Company’s operations prior to the allocation of depreciation and any corporate-level or financing-related costs. NOI reflects the operating performance of a community and allows for an easy comparison of the operating performance of individual communities or groups of communities. In addition, because prospective buyers of real estate have different financing and overhead structures, with varying marginal impacts to overhead by acquiring real estate, NOI is considered by many in the real estate industry to be a useful measure for determining the value of a real estate asset or group of assets. The Company defines same-property NOI as same-property revenue less same-property operating expenses, including property taxes. Please see the reconciliation of earnings from operations to same-property NOI, which in the table below is the NOI for stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the periods presented:

|                                   | Three months<br>ended September<br>30, |          | Nine months ended<br>September 30, |           |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                   | 2013                                   | 2012     | 2013                               | 2012      |
| Earnings from operations          | \$49,213                               | \$42,702 | \$144,523                          | \$123,330 |
| Adjustments:                      |  |          |                                    |           |
| General and administrative        | 6,075                                  | 5,276    | 18,925                             | 16,440    |
| Cost of management and other fees | 1,613                                  | 1,642    | 5,047                              | 4,893     |
| Depreciation                      | 48,438                                 | 42,897   | 143,320                            | 125,137   |
| Management and other fees         | (2,957 )                               | (3,072 ) | (9,139 )                           | (8,312 )  |
| NOI                               | 102,382                                | 89,445   | 302,676                            | 261,488   |
| Less: Non same-property NOI       | (14,130 )                              | (8,044 ) | (41,055 )                          | (17,304 ) |
| Same-property NOI                 | \$88,252                               | \$81,401 | \$261,621                          | \$244,184 |

## Item 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks

## Interest Rate Hedging Activities

The Company’s objective in using derivatives is to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements or other identified risks. To accomplish this objective, the Company uses interest rate swaps as part of its cash flow hedging strategy. As of September 30, 2013, the Company has entered into ten interest rate swap contracts to mitigate the risk of changes in the interest-related cash outflows on \$300.0 million of the variable rate five-year unsecured term debt. As of September 30, 2013, the Company also had \$187.2 million of variable rate indebtedness, of which \$176.3 million is subject to interest rate cap protection. All of the Company’s derivative instruments are designated as cash flow hedges, and the Company does not have any fair value hedges as of September 30, 2013. The following table summarizes the notional amount, carrying value, and estimated fair value of the Company’s derivative instruments used to hedge interest rates as of September 30, 2013. The notional amount represents the aggregate amount of a particular security that is currently hedged at one time, but does not represent exposure to credit, interest rates or market risks. The table also includes a sensitivity analysis to demonstrate the impact on the Company’s derivative instruments from an increase or decrease in 10-year Treasury bill interest rates by 50 basis points, as of September 30, 2013.

| Notional | Maturity | Carrying | Estimated      |
|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
|          |          | and      | Carrying Value |
|          |          | + 50     | - 50           |

| (Dollars in thousands) | Amount    | Date Range | Estimated<br>Fair<br>Value | Basis<br>Points | Basis<br>Points |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash flow hedges:      |           |            |                            |                 |                 |
| Interest rate swaps    | \$300,000 | 2016-2017  | \$ (3,161 )                | \$1,865         | \$(7,334)       |
| Interest rate caps     | 176,324   | 2013-2018  | -                          | 66              | 3               |
| Total cash flow hedges | \$476,324 | 2013-2018  | \$ (3,161 )                | \$1,931         | \$(7,331)       |

#### Interest Rate Sensitive Liabilities

The Company is exposed to interest rate changes primarily as a result of its lines of credit and long-term tax exempt variable rate debt and unsecured term debt. The Company's interest rate risk management objective is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower its overall borrowing costs. To achieve its objectives the Company borrows primarily at fixed rates and may enter into derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps, caps and treasury locks in order to mitigate its interest rate risk on a related financial instrument. The Company does not enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes.

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The Company's interest rate risk is monitored using a variety of techniques. The table below presents the principal amounts and weighted average interest rates by year of expected maturity to evaluate the expected cash flows.

| For the<br>Years<br>Ended   | 2013                    | 2014   | 2015   | 2016                   | 2017                   | Thereafter | Total                    | Fair value  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| (In<br>thousands)           |                         |        |        |                        |                        |            |                          |             |
| Fixed rate<br>debt          | \$-                     | 47,179 | 67,837 | 162,459                | 223,389                | 1,867,326  | \$2,368,190              | \$2,428,485 |
| Average<br>interest<br>rate | -                       | 5.2    | % 5.2  | % 4.5                  | % 5.5                  | % 5.1      | % 5.1                    | %           |
| Variable<br>rate debt       | \$19,420 <sup>(1)</sup> | 15,352 | -      | 200,000 <sup>(2)</sup> | 150,000 <sup>(2)</sup> | 167,794    | <sup>(1)</sup> \$552,566 | \$532,894   |
| Average<br>interest<br>rate | 1.3                     | % 2.2  | % -    | 2.5                    | % 2.5                  | % 1.6      | % 2.2                    | %           |

(1) \$176.3 million subject to interest rate caps.

(2) \$300.0 million subject to interest rate swap agreements.

The table incorporates only those exposures that exist as of September 30, 2013; it does not consider those exposures or positions that could arise after that date. As a result, our ultimate realized gain or loss, with respect to interest rate fluctuations and hedging strategies would depend on the exposures that arise prior to settlement.

## Item 4: Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2013, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of September 30, 2013, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such disclosure controls and procedures were also effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2013, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## Part II -- Other Information

## Item 1: Legal Proceedings

Recently there has been an increasing number of lawsuits against owners and managers of apartment communities alleging personal injury and property damage caused by the presence of mold in residential real estate. Some of these lawsuits have resulted in substantial monetary judgments or settlements. The Company has been sued for mold related matters and has settled some, but not all, of such matters. Insurance carriers have reacted to mold related liability awards by excluding mold related claims from standard policies and pricing mold endorsements at prohibitively high rates. The Company has, however, purchased pollution liability insurance, which includes some coverage for mold. The Company has adopted policies for promptly addressing and resolving reports of mold when it is detected, and to minimize any impact mold might have on residents of the property. The Company believes its mold policies and proactive response to address any known existence, reduces its risk of loss from these cases. There can be no assurances that the Company has identified and responded to all mold occurrences, but the Company promptly addresses all known reports of mold. Liabilities resulting from such mold related matters are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. As of September 30, 2013, no potential liabilities for mold and other environmental liabilities are quantifiable and an estimate of possible loss cannot be made.

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The Company carries comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage and rental loss insurance for each of the Company's communities. Insured risks for comprehensive liability covers claims in excess of \$100,000 per incident, and property insurance covers losses in excess of a \$5.0 million deductible per incident. There are, however, certain types of extraordinary losses, such as, for example, losses for earthquake, for which the Company does not have insurance. Substantially all of the Company's properties are located in areas that are subject to earthquakes.

The Company is subject to various other lawsuits in the normal course of its business operations. Such lawsuits could, but are not expected to, have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 1A: Risk Factors

There were no material changes to the Risk Factors disclosed in Item IA of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 as filed with the SEC and available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Item 6: Exhibits

A. Exhibits

10.1 Forms of equity award agreements for officers under the 2013 Stock Award and Incentive Compensation Plan\*

10.2 Company's Non-Employee Director Equity Award Program and forms of equity award agreements thereunder\*

12.1 Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.

31.1 Certification of Michael J. Schall, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2 Certification of Michael T. Dance, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.1 Certification of Michael J. Schall, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.2 Certification of Michael T. Dance, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: November 1, 2013

By: /S/ MICHAEL T. DANCE

Michael T. Dance  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
(Authorized Officer, Principal Financial Officer)