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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011

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: 33,817,096 shares of Common Stock as of August 4, 2011.

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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, stockholders' equity, noncontrolling interest, and comprehensive income 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, 2010.

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ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Assets		
Real estate:		
Rental properties:		
Land and land improvements	\$823,629	\$802,325
Buildings and improvements	3,259,095	3,265,014
	4,082,724	4,067,339
Less accumulated depreciation	(845,566)	(878,331)
	3,237,158	3,189,008
Real estate under development	191,620	217,531
Co-investments	197,364	107,840
	3,626,142	3,514,379
Cash and cash equivalents-unrestricted	8,809	13,753
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted	24,038	21,941
Marketable securities	75,673	92,310
Notes and other receivables	49,956	49,444
Prepaid expenses and other assets	25,444	25,188
Deferred charges, net	15,793	15,872
Total assets	\$3,825,855	\$3,732,887
Liabilities and Equity		
Mortgage notes payable	\$1,779,461	\$1,832,745
Lines of credit	210,000	426,000
Unsecured bonds	265,000	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	49,577	44,750
Construction payable	11,064	9,023
Dividends payable	37,975	36,405
Derivative liabilities	1,506	5,633
Other liabilities	20,171	18,968
Total liabilities	2,374,754	2,373,524
Commitments and contingencies		
Cumulative convertible preferred stock; \$.0001 par value:		
4.875% Series G - 5,980,000 issued and 178,249 outstanding	4,349	4,349
Stockholders' equity and noncontrolling interest:		
Common stock, \$.0001 par value, 641,702,178 shares authorized 32,724,235 and 31,324,808 shares issued and outstanding	3	3
Cumulative redeemable preferred stock; \$.0001 par value:		
7.125% Series H - 8,000,000 shares authorized, 2,950,000 and 0 issued and outstanding, liquidation value	73,750	-
Cumulative redeemable preferred stock;		
\$.0001 par value:7.8125% Series F - 1,000,000 shares authorized, 0 and 1,000,000 issued and outstanding, liquidation value	-	25,000
Additional paid-in capital	1,687,691	1,515,468

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Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings	(359,662)	(313,308)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(74,918)	(77,217)
Total stockholders' equity	1,326,864	1,149,946
Noncontrolling interest	119,888	205,068
Total stockholders' equity and noncontrolling interest	1,446,752	1,355,014
Total liabilities and equity	\$3,825,855	\$3,732,887

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Revenues:				
Rental and other property	\$ 115,778	\$ 99,163	\$ 227,866	198,436
Management and other fees from affiliates	1,420	1,022	2,645	2,500
	117,198	100,185	230,511	200,936
Expenses:				
Property operating, excluding real estate taxes	29,354	25,101	57,569	49,624
Real estate taxes	10,916	9,716	21,595	19,210
Depreciation	37,510	31,156	74,426	61,539
General and administrative	6,371	6,219	12,486	11,837
	84,151	72,192	166,076	142,210
Earnings from operations	33,047	27,993	64,435	58,726
Interest expense before amortization	(22,710)	(20,161)	(44,518)	(39,758)
Amortization expense	(2,736)	(843)	(5,590)	(2,083)
Interest and other income	2,628	7,085	9,616	14,941
Equity income (loss) in co-investments	726	(360)	(647)	(401)
Loss on early retirement of debt	(253)	(10)	(253)	(10)
Income before discontinued operations	10,702	13,704	23,043	31,415
Income from discontinued operations	5,351	165	5,517	313
Net income	16,053	13,869	28,560	31,728
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(2,304)	(3,844)	(5,851)	(8,034)
Net income attributable to controlling interest	13,749	10,025	22,709	23,694
Dividends to preferred stockholders	(1,475)	(543)	(2,017)	(1,085)
Excess of cash paid to redeem preferred stock and units over the carrying value	(1,949)	-	(1,949)	-
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 10,325	\$ 9,482	\$ 18,743	22,609
Per common share data:				
Basic:				
Income available to common stockholders	\$0.17	\$0.32	\$0.43	\$0.77
Income from discontinued operations	0.15	-	0.16	0.01
Net income available to common stockholders	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.59	0.78
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period	32,040,904	29,329,273	31,754,949	29,149,562
Diluted:				
Income before discontinued operations available to common stockholders	\$0.17	\$0.32	\$0.43	\$0.76
Income from discontinued operations	0.15	-	0.16	0.01
Net income available to common stockholders	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.59	\$0.77
	32,135,064	29,402,635	31,844,002	29,213,613

Weighted average number of common
shares outstanding during the period

Dividend per common share	\$ 1.040	\$ 1.033	\$ 2.080	2.066
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See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, Noncontrolling Interest, and
Comprehensive Income for the six months ended June 30, 2011
(Unaudited)
(Dollars and shares in thousands)

	Series F Preferred stock		Series H Preferred stock		Common stock		Additional paid-in capital	Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount					
Balances at December 31, 2010	1,000	\$25,000	-	\$-	31,325	\$3	\$1,515,468	\$(313,308)	\$(77,217)	\$205,068	\$1,355,014
Comprehensive income:											
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,709	-	5,851	28,560
Reversal of unrealized gains upon the sale of marketable securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,109)	(293)	(4,402)
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges and amortization of swap settlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,431	312	4,743
Change in fair value of marketable securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,977	142	2,119
Comprehensive income (loss)											31,020
Issuance of common stock under:											
Stock option and restricted stock plans	-	-	-	-	87	-	6,540	-	-	-	6,540
Sale of common stock	-	-	-	-	1,312	-	168,592	-	-	-	168,592
Equity based compensation costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	560	560
Equity related issuance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	(652)	-	-	-	(652)
	-	-	2,950	73,750	-	-	(2,323)	-	-	-	71,427

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Issuance of Series H Preferred											
Redemption of Series F Preferred	(1,000)	(25,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(25,000)
Contributions from noncontrolling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	800
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,667)	(9,667)
Dividends declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(69,063)	-	-	(69,063)
Redemption of Series B Preferred	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	(80,000)	(78,800)
Redemptions of noncontrolling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,134)	-	-	(2,885)	(4,019)
Balances at June 30, 2011	-	\$-	2,950	\$73,750	32,724	\$3	\$1,687,691	\$(359,662)	\$(74,918)	\$119,888	\$1,446,752

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)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2011	2010
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net Income	\$ 28,560	\$ 31,728
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Gain on sale of real estate	(5,853)	-
Gain on sale of marketable securities	(4,543)	(9,041)
Loss (gain) on early retirement of debt	253	10
Equity income in co-investments excluding gain on sales of real estate	2,120	401
Amortization of discount on exchangeable bonds	-	41
Amortization of discount on marketable securities	(2,297)	(1,916)
Amortization of deferred interest from settlement of swaps	4,349	97
Amortization of discount on notes receivables	(878)	(363)
Depreciation	74,541	61,748
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1,443	1,628
Stock-based compensation	1,056	1,739
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(697)	(621)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,097	2,973
Other liabilities	1,200	990
Net cash provided by Operating activities	104,351	89,414
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to real estate:		
Acquisitions	(38,958)	(6,757)
Improvements to recent acquisitions	(11,804)	(725)
Redevelopment expenditures	(16,296)	(6,951)
Revenue generating capital expenditures	(1,220)	(358)
Non-revenue generating capital expenditures	(7,711)	(10,962)
Dispositions of real estate	15,972	-
Additions to real estate under development	(65,695)	(53,414)
Changes in restricted cash and refundable deposits	(3,210)	(5,733)
Purchases of marketable securities	(6,805)	(18,276)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities	27,997	65,919
Purchases of and advances under notes and other receivables	-	(21,227)
Collections of notes and other receivables	368	1,826
Contributions to co-investments	(43,207)	(66,498)
Distributions from co-investments	450	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(150,119)	(123,156)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
	645,419	212,764

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Borrowings under mortgage notes payable, lines of credit and bonds		
Repayment under mortgage notes payable, lines of credit and bonds	(661,193)	(163,817)
Additions to deferred charges	(1,441)	(623)
Retirement of exchangeable bonds	-	(1,842)
Settlement of forward-starting swaps	(2,395)	-
Net proceeds from stock options exercised	5,983	2,212
Net proceeds from issuance of Series H preferred stock	71,427	-
Redemption of Series F preferred stock	(25,000)	-
Retirement of Series B preferred units	(78,800)	-
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	168,592	63,003
Equity related issuance costs	(591)	-
Contributions from noncontrolling interest	-	3,990
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(9,667)	(12,337)
Redemptions of noncontrolling interest	(4,019)	(21,065)
Common and preferred stock dividends paid	(67,491)	(60,836)
Net cash provided by financing activities	40,824	21,449
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,944)	(12,293)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	13,753	20,660
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 8,809	\$ 8,367

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

(continued)

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid for interest, net of \$4.5 million and \$5.8 million capitalized in 2011 and 2010, respectively	\$43,594	\$40,048
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Change in accrual of dividends	\$1,570	\$874
Change in value of derivative liabilities	\$1,836	\$42,040
Change in unrealized gain of marketable securities	\$2,283	\$5,650
Mortgage notes assumed in connection with purchase of real estate including the loan premiums recorded	\$10,500	\$12,444
Non-cash contribution from noncontrolling interest	\$800	-
Change in construction payable	\$2,041	\$3,746
Transfer of real estate under development to rental properties	\$40,784	\$-
Transfer of real estate under development to co-investments	\$48,886	\$-

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
June 30, 2011 and 2010
(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) and are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles 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, except as otherwise noted. 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, 2010.

All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 include the accounts of the Company and the Operating Partnership. The Company is the sole general partner in the Operating Partnership, with a 93.6% general partnership interest as of June 30, 2011. Total Operating Partnership units outstanding were 2,228,730 and 2,200,907 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, and the redemption value of the units, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock totaled \$301.5 million and \$251.4 million, as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

As of June 30, 2011, the Company owned or had ownership interests in 149 apartment communities, aggregating 30,557 units, excluding the Company's ownership in preferred interest co-investments, (collectively, the “Communities”, and individually, a “Community”), six commercial buildings and six active development projects (collectively, the “Portfolio”). The Communities are located in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Ventura counties), Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area) and the Seattle metropolitan area.

Fund Activities

Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P. (“Fund II”) is an investment fund formed by the Company to add value through rental growth and asset appreciation, utilizing the Company's development, redevelopment and asset management capabilities. 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. 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 June 30, 2011, owned 14 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.

In 2011, the Company entered into a 50/50 programmatic joint venture, Wesco I, LLC (“Wesco”), with an institutional partner for a total equity commitment of \$200 million. Each partner's equity commitment is \$100 million, and Wesco will utilize leverage equal to approximately 50% to 60%. Investments must meet certain criteria to qualify for

inclusion in the joint venture and both partners must approve any new acquisitions. The joint venture has an investment period of up to two years. The Company will receive asset and property management fees, and may earn a promoted interest. The Company accounts for this joint venture on the equity method. As discussed below under “Co-investments”, Wesco purchased apartment communities in May and July 2011.

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 entitled “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures”), and any unrealized gain or loss is recorded as other comprehensive income (loss). There were no impairment charges for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Realized gains and losses and interest income are included in interest and other income on the condensed consolidated statement of operations. Amortization of purchase discounts are included in interest income.

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June 30, 2011 and 2010
(Unaudited)

As of June 30, 2011, marketable securities consisted primarily of common stock and investments in mortgage backed securities and investment funds that invest in U.S. treasury or agency securities. As of June 30, 2011, 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 of \$44.3 million. The estimated fair values of the mortgage backed securities (Level 2 securities) are approximately equal to the carrying values.

As of June 30, 2011 the Company classified the following marketable securities as available for sale (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2011		
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	Fair Value
Investment-grade unsecured bonds	\$ 3,608	\$ 427	\$ 4,035
Investment funds - US treasuries	10,549	164	10,713
Common stock	14,513	2,096	16,609
Total	\$ 28,670	\$ 2,687	\$ 31,357

	December 31, 2010		
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	Fair Value
Investment-grade unsecured bonds	\$ 22,243	\$ 4,403	\$ 26,646
Investment funds - US treasuries	14,345	582	14,927
Common stock	8,638	112	8,750
Total	\$ 45,226	\$ 5,097	\$ 50,323

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 June 30, 2010, the proceeds from sales of available for sale securities totaled \$22.5 million, and for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, the proceeds from sales of available for sale securities totaled \$26.8 million and \$64.7 million, respectively. These sales all resulted in gains, which totaled \$4.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, and \$4.5 million and \$9.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, 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 1,072,161 and 1,096,871 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, and the redemption value of the units, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock totaled \$145.1 million and \$125.3 million, as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The consolidated total assets and liabilities related to these VIEs, net of intercompany eliminations, were approximately \$214.6 million and \$170.0 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2011 and \$217.3 million and \$168.0 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2010. Interest holders in VIEs consolidated by the Company are allocated net income equal to the cash payments made to those interest holders or

distributions from cash flow. The remaining results of operations are generally allocated to the Company. As of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company did not have any VIE's for which it was not deemed to be the primary beneficiary.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for share 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, "Stock Based Compensation Plans," in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010) are being amortized over the expected service periods. Stock-based compensation expense for options and restricted stock totaled \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively and \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The intrinsic value of the stock options exercised during the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 totaled \$2.0 million and \$0.5 million and \$3.0 million and \$1.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. As of June 30, 2011, the intrinsic value of the stock options outstanding totaled \$10.9 million. As of June 30, 2011, total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation granted under the stock option and restricted stock plans totaled \$4.1 million. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1 to 6 years for the stock option plans and is expected to be recognized straight-line over 7 years for the restricted stock awards.

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The Company has adopted an incentive program involving the issuance of Series Z and Series Z-1 Incentive Units (collectively referred to as “Z Units”) of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership. Stock-based compensation expense for Z Units totaled \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$0.5 million and \$1.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. On January 1, 2011, 131,409 Series Z Units were converted into common units of the Operating Partnership.

Stock-based compensation for Z units capitalized totaled \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011, and 2010, respectively, and \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. As of June 30, 2011, the intrinsic value of the Z-1 Units subject to future vesting totaled \$17.6 million. As of June 30, 2011, total unrecognized compensation cost related to Z-1 Units subject to future vesting totaled \$6.5 million. The unamortized cost is expected to be recognized over the next year to fourteen years subject to the achievement of the stated performance criteria.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company values its financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy of valuation techniques described in the FASB statement entitled “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures”. Level 1 inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs other than quoted prices observable for the asset or liability. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. The Company uses Level 1 inputs for the fair values of its cash equivalents and its marketable securities except for unsecured bonds and mortgage backed securities. The Company uses Level 2 inputs for its investments in unsecured bonds, mortgage backed securities, notes receivable, notes payable, and derivative liabilities. These inputs include interest rates for similar financial instruments. The Company’s valuation methodology for the swap related to the multifamily refunding bond for the 101 San Fernando apartment community, is described in more detail in Note 8. The Company does not use Level 3 inputs to estimate fair values of any of its financial instruments. The Company’s assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

Management believes that the carrying amounts of its amounts outstanding under lines of credit, notes receivable and notes and other receivables approximate fair value as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, 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 \$1.79 billion of fixed rate debt, including unsecured bonds, at June 30, 2011 is approximately \$1.83 billion and the fair value of the Company’s \$256.8 million of variable rate debt, excluding borrowings under the lines of credit, at June 30, 2011 is \$234.5 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 June 30, 2011 due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. The fair values of the Company’s investments in mortgage backed securities are approximately equal to amortized cost carrying value of these securities. Marketable securities, and both the note payable and the swap related to multifamily refunding bond for the 101 San Fernando apartment community, are carried at fair value as of June 30, 2011, as discussed above and in Note 8.

Accounting Estimates and Reclassifications

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 properties, 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.

Reclassifications for discontinued operations have been made to prior year statements of operations balances in order to conform to current year presentation. Such reclassifications have no impact on reported earnings, cash flows, total assets or total liabilities.

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(2) Significant Transactions During the Second Quarter of 2011 and Subsequent Events

Acquisition

In June, the Company acquired Bellerive, a completed 63-unit vacant condominium project that will be operated as a rental community located in West Los Angeles for \$27.0 million. Initial occupancy is expected to occur in the third quarter 2011, and stabilization is expected by the end of the year. This property is included in real estate under development as of June 30, 2011 since the units were not yet available for lease.

Disposition

In April, the Company disposed of Woodlawn Colonial, a 159-unit community located in Chula Vista, California for \$16.0 million for a gain of \$5.3 million net of internal disposition costs. The property was purchased in 2002 as part of the John M. Sachs, Inc. merger.

Development

The Company entered into a development joint venture with the land owner of a retail site in Santa Clara. The Company invested \$9.3 million in this joint venture and the property subject to a \$10.5 million mortgage loan due in April 2014 at an interest rate that is currently at 5.0%. The Company has an option to purchase the joint venture partner's interest for \$0.8 million during 2011. The plans for this project are to entitle a portion of the site for 494 apartment units. The joint venture partner has an option to purchase the retail parcel upon obtaining entitlements. The site is currently improved with retail space that is 100% leased. The Company consolidates this joint venture and will account for the property as a rental property during the period that is being operated as a retail site.

In July, the Company began development on its West Dublin, California land site which was purchased in late 2009 for \$5.0 million. The 309-unit development will consist of a five-story building over two levels of parking and will feature a mix of one and two bedroom units and lofts.

Co-investments

In June 2011, the Company completed a \$13.0 million preferred equity investment in an entity owning an apartment community located in downtown Los Angeles. The Company's preferred return is 10% and the Company's investment has a five-year term.

In 2011, the Company entered into a 50/50 programmatic joint venture, Wesco, I LLC ("Wesco"), with an institutional partner for a total equity commitment of \$200 million. In May 2011, Wesco acquired Arbors Parc Rose, a 373-unit community located in Oxnard, California for \$92.0 million. In July 2011, Wesco acquired Reveal, a 438-unit community located in the Woodland Hills, California for \$132.9 million. Wesco obtained a \$100.0 million line of credit at a rate of LIBOR + 2.3%, and Wesco obtained secured mortgage loans totaling \$59.9 million at 4.7% secured by Arbors Parc Rose for 10 years in June, and \$78.7 million at LIBOR + 1.9% secured by Reveal with a maturity of two years with two one year extensions.

In June, the Company entered into a joint venture with the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (“CPPIB”) to develop its Cadence site located in San Jose, California which recently began site demolition. The Company contributed the land to the joint venture, and the Company will account for this joint venture using the equity method. The Company will hold a 55% interest in the joint venture and will earn development, asset, and property management fees. The Company may also earn a promoted interest.

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Common Stock, Preferred Stock and Preferred Units

During the quarter, the Company sold 984,982 shares of common stock for \$130.2 million, net of commissions, at an average price per share of \$133.76. In July, the Company sold 350,112 shares of common stock for \$48.3 million, net of commissions, at an average price of \$139.64. Year to date through July, the Company sold 1,661,736 shares of common stock for \$216.9 million, net of commissions, at an average price of \$132.11.

In April, the Company issued 2,950,000 shares of 7.125% Series H Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock ("Series H") at a price of \$25.00 per share for net proceeds of \$71.4 million, net of costs and original issuance discounts. The Series H has no maturity date and generally may not be called by the Company before April 13, 2016. Net proceeds from the Series H offering were used to redeem all of the 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units of Essex Portfolio, L.P. ("Series B") with a liquidation value of \$80.0 million, which resulted in excess of cash paid of \$1.0 million over the carrying value of Series B due to deferred offering costs and original issuance discounts.

In June, the Company redeemed its 7.8125% Series F Preferred Stock ("Series F") at liquidation value for \$25.0 million which resulted in excess of cash paid of \$0.9 million over the carrying value of Series F due to deferred offering costs and original issuance discounts.

Mortgage Notes Payable and Construction Loans

During the quarter, the Company paid off the Cairns mortgage loan for \$11.3 million at an interest rate of 3.7% and during June and early July two San Marcos mortgage loans totaling \$46.5 million at a blended rate of 5.3%.

Unsecured Bonds

During the second quarter, the Company issued \$115 million of unsecured bond through private placements, \$40.0 million at 4.5% for 6.25 years, and \$75.0 million at 4.92% for 8.5 years. The proceeds from the bond offering were used primarily to repay outstanding mortgages, redeem the Series F Preferred Stock, and pay down the Company's lines of credit.

(3) Co-investments

The Company has joint venture investments in co-investments, which are accounted for under the equity method. The joint ventures own, operate and develop apartment communities.

The following table details the Company's co-investments (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Investments in joint ventures accounted for under the equity method of accounting:		
Partnership interest in Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P ("Fund II")	\$ 65,532	\$ 66,000

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Membership interest in a limited liability company that owns and is developing Cadence	52,407	-
Membership interest in a limited liability company that owns Essex Skyline at MacArthur Place	26,758	29,187
Preferred interests in limited liability companies that own apartment communities in downtown Los Angeles	22,767	-
Membership interest in a limited liability company that owns and is developing Queen Anne	17,000	-
Preferred interest in a related limited liability company that owns Madison Park at Anaheim	12,348	12,014
Membership interest in Wesco I, LLC ("Wesco")	(87)	-
	196,725	107,201
Investments accounted for under the cost method of accounting:		
Series A and B-2 Preferred Stock interests in Multifamily Technology Solutions, Inc.	639	639
Total co-investments	\$ 197,364	\$ 107,840

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The combined summarized balance sheet and statements of operations for co-investments, which are accounted for under the equity method, are as follows (dollars in thousands).

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010		
Balance sheets:				
Rental properties and real estate under development	\$ 993,258	\$ 750,808		
Other assets	36,419	15,864		
Total assets	\$ 1,029,677	\$ 766,672		
Mortgage notes	\$ 598,435	\$ 450,693		
Other liabilities	20,773	7,076		
Equity	410,469	308,903		
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,029,677	\$ 766,672		
Company's share of equity	\$ 196,725	\$ 107,201		
	Three Months Ended June 30, 2011	2010	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	2010
Statements of operations:				
Property revenues	\$24,084	\$12,482	\$42,596	\$24,810
Property operating expenses	(9,719)	(5,533)	(17,695)	(10,662)
Net property operating income	14,365	6,949	24,901	14,148
Interest expense	(10,549)	(2,950)	(15,410)	(5,911)
General and administrative	(38)	-	(1,022)	-
Depreciation and amortization	(9,943)	(4,756)	(18,006)	(9,209)