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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC.
EMPIRE STATE REALTY OP, L.P.

(Exact name of registrants as specified in charter)

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Maryland	6798	37-1645259
Delaware	6500	45-4685158
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
	One Grand Central Place	
	60 East 42nd Street	
	New York, New York 10165	
	(212) 953-0888	

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrants Principal Executive Offices)

Anthony E. Malkin

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

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Approximate date of commencement of the proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

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The Registrants hereby amend this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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Empire State Building	250 West 57th St.
Associates L.L.C.	60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C.
	Associates L.L.C.
	One Grand Central Place
	60 East 42nd Street
	New York, New York 10165

NOTICE OF CONSENT SOLICITATION TO PARTICIPANTS

, 2012

Malkin Holdings LLC, the supervisor of each limited liability company listed above, requests that you consent to the following:

Proposed consolidation of your subject LLC into Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. As described in the attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement, Malkin Holdings LLC, as supervisor, proposes a consolidation of certain office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area owned by Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., or the subject LLCs, and certain private entities supervised by the supervisor, and certain related management businesses into Empire State Realty Trust, Inc., or the company. The consolidation is conditioned, among other things, upon the closing of the initial public offering, or the IPO, of the company's Class A common stock. The company will issue to each of the participants in the subject LLCs a specified number of operating partnership units, or at each participant's election, Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. The company expects the Class A common stock and the operating partnership units offered herein to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. After the series of transactions in which the subject LLCs will be consolidated into the company, the company will own, through direct and indirect subsidiaries, the assets of the subject LLCs and the assets of the private entities, along with certain related management businesses. There are 22 private entities involved in the consolidation, including the operating lessees of each of the subject LLCs, from which all required consents to the consolidation have previously been obtained. Attached to the supplement for each subject LLC as Appendix B is the contribution agreement for each subject LLC, which describes the terms of the consolidation in detail. Only the participants holding participation interests in a subject LLC during the consent solicitation period are entitled to notice of, and to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST**, the proposed consolidation. For the reasons the supervisor believes this proposal is fair and reasonable, see Background of and Reasons for the Consolidation.

Proposal to authorize the supervisor to sell or contribute the property interests in a third-party portfolio transaction. As a potential alternative to the consolidation, the supervisor requests that the participants consent to the sale or contribution of the subject LLCs' property interests as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. The third-party portfolio transaction would be undertaken only if the aggregate consideration is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met. The proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing, but such proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants. No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than their pro rata share of the consideration that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction). For the reasons the supervisor believes this proposal is fair and reasonable, see Third-Party Portfolio Proposal.

Voluntary pro rata reimbursement program for expenses of legal proceedings with former property manager and leasing agent. In addition, the participants are being asked to consent to a voluntary pro rata

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reimbursement to the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin for the prior advances of all costs, plus interest, incurred in connection with litigations and arbitrations with the former property manager and leasing agent of the properties owned by the subject LLCs. For the reasons the supervisor believes this proposal is reasonable, see Voluntary Pro Rata Reimbursement Program for Expenses of Legal Proceedings with Former Property Manager and Leasing Agent.

The supervisor invites you to vote using the enclosed consent form because it is important that your participation interest in your subject LLC be represented. Please sign, date and return the enclosed consent form in the accompanying postage-paid envelope or by facsimile, as described in the Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement. You also may revoke your consent to the consolidation, the third-party portfolio proposal, or both, at any time in writing before the later of the date that consents from participants equal to the percentage required to approve the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal, as applicable, as set forth later in the attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement are received by your subject LLC and the 60th day after the date of the attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement.

Malkin Holdings LLC

By: Peter L. Malkin
Chairman

Anthony E. Malkin
President

The attached Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is dated

, 2012 and is being mailed to participants on or about , 2012.

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The information in this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to the securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. may not sell the securities offered by this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission becomes effective. This Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is not an offer to sell these securities and Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2012

PROSPECTUS/CONSENT SOLICITATION STATEMENT

shares of Class A common stock, par value \$.01 per share,

shares of Class B common stock, par value \$.01 per share

Empire State Realty OP, L.P.

units of limited partnership interests consisting of

Series ES units of limited partnership interest,

Series 60 units of limited partnership interest and

Series 250 units of limited partnership interest

If you are a participant in any of the following subject LLCs, your vote is very important:

Empire State Building

60 East 42nd St.

250 West 57th St.

Associates L.L.C.

Associates L.L.C.

Associates L.L.C.

Malkin Holdings LLC, the supervisor of three publicly-registered entities, Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C., or the subject LLCs, requests that you, as a holder of a participation interest in one or more of the subject LLCs, vote on whether to approve the proposed consolidation of the subject LLC in which you are a participant into Empire State Realty Trust, Inc., or the company, as part of a consolidation of office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area owned by the subject LLCs and the private entities supervised by the supervisor, along with certain related management businesses, into the company, as described in more detail herein. Such transaction is referred to herein as the consolidation. The principals of the supervisor include Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin.

The supervisor believes you will benefit from this consolidation through newly created opportunities for liquidity, enhanced property diversification, increased growth opportunities, enhanced operating and financing abilities and efficiencies, combined balance sheets, anticipated regular quarterly cash distributions, and continued leadership by the principals of the supervisor under the accountability of the governance structure of a reporting company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, with a board of directors consisting

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predominantly of independent directors. Anthony E. Malkin will be the only management member of the board of directors.

The supervisor believes that the consolidation is the best way for participants to achieve liquidity and maximize the value of their investment in their subject LLC. Following the consolidation, participants may liquidate their investments and realize current values in cash as and when they so desire (subject to the restrictions of the applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and after expiration of the lock-up period as described in this prospectus/consent solicitation) or may hold operating partnership units and/or shares of common stock they receive in the company in which certain executives of the supervisor will be members of the senior management team and Anthony E. Malkin, an executive and principal of the supervisor, will be Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of the company. The company intends to apply to have the Class A common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ESB. The operating partnership units will be issued in three separate series to the participants in each of the three subject LLCs, other than the Wien group, each of which has identical rights as to distributions, liquidation and other rights as a limited partner in the operating partnership. The operating partnership intends to apply to have each of the series of its operating partnership units offered herein listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols ESBA, OGCP and FISK. Each participant will receive operating partnership units, unless such participant elects to receive shares of Class A common stock or, to a limited extent, as described herein, Class B common stock. Each participant may elect to receive one share of Class B common stock instead of one operating partnership unit for every 50 operating partnership units such participant would otherwise receive in the consolidation. Each share of Class B common stock has 50 votes on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote and the same economic interest as a share of Class A common stock, and one share of Class B common stock and 49 operating partnership units together represent a similar economic value as 50 shares of Class A common stock. A holder of operating partnership units will not have economic interests in the company (but will have the same rights to distributions as stockholders of the company) or voting rights in the company (except to the extent a participant elects to receive Class B common stock instead of a portion of operating partnership units as described above).

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The supervisor recommends that you vote **FOR** the consolidation. The Malkin Holdings group (as defined herein), will receive substantial benefits from the consolidation and have conflicts of interest making this recommendation. See **Conflicts of Interest**.

As a potential alternative to the consolidation, the supervisor also requests that the participants consent to the sale or contribution of the subject LLCs' property interests as part of a sale or contribution of the properties owned by the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies as a portfolio to an unaffiliated third party. While the supervisor believes the consolidation represents the best opportunity for participants to achieve liquidity and to maximize the value of their investment, the supervisor believes it also is in the best interest of all participants for the supervisor to have the flexibility and discretion, subject to certain conditions, to accept an offer for the portfolio of properties from an unaffiliated third party if the supervisor determines that the offer price includes what the supervisor believes is an adequate premium above the value that is expected to be realized over time from the consolidation. The third-party portfolio transaction would be undertaken only if the aggregate consideration is at least 115% of the aggregate exchange value for the subject LLCs, the private entities and the management companies included in the third-party portfolio transaction and certain other conditions are met. The proposal must provide for all cash, payable in full at closing, but such proposal may provide for an option for all participants to elect to receive securities as an alternative to cash. If the proposal provides for a securities option, the Malkin Family will have the right to elect to receive securities only on the same proportional basis as other participants. No member of the Malkin Family will be an affiliate, consultant, employee, officer or director of the acquiror after the closing or receive any compensation from the acquiror (other than their pro rata share of the consideration that they will receive in the third-party portfolio transaction).

The supervisor recommends that you vote **FOR** the third-party portfolio transaction proposal. The Malkin Holdings group will receive substantial benefits from the consolidation and have conflicts of interest making this recommendation. See **Conflicts of Interest**.

Participants also are being asked to consent to a voluntary pro rata reimbursement program pursuant to which the supervisor and Peter L. Malkin, a principal of the supervisor, will be reimbursed for the prior advances of all costs, plus interest, incurred in connection with the legal proceedings required to remove and replace the former property manager and leasing agent. The supervisor believes that the voluntary pro rata reimbursement program is fair and reasonable because the successful resolution of the legal proceedings allowed the properties owned by the subject LLCs and certain of the private entities to participate in a renovation and repositioning turnaround program conceived and implemented by the supervisor. The estate of Leona M. Helmsley, or the Helmsley estate, as part of an agreement with the supervisor covering this and other matters, has paid the voluntary pro rata reimbursement to the supervisor for its pro rata share of costs advanced, plus interest, which totaled \$5,021,048.

This solicitation of consents expires at 5:00 p.m., Eastern time on _____, 2012, unless the supervisor extends the solicitation period. The supervisor reserves the right to extend on one or more occasions the solicitation period for one or more proposals for one or more subject LLCs or one or more participating groups in a subject LLC without extending for other proposals, subject LLCs or participating groups whether or not it has received approval for the consolidation or the third-party portfolio proposal.

The Wien group, which consists of each of the lineal descendants of Lawrence A. Wien, including Peter L. Malkin and Anthony E. Malkin (including spouses of such descendants), any estates of any of the foregoing, any trusts now or hereafter established for the benefit of any of the foregoing, or any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity controlled by Anthony E. Malkin for the benefit of any of the foregoing, collectively owns participation interests in the subject LLCs and has advised that it will vote in favor of the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal. These participation interests represent the following percentage ownership for each subject LLC: 8.5921% for Empire State Building Associates L.L.C., 8.7684% for 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. and 7.3148% for 250 West 57th St. Associates L.L.C.

The supervisor and the Malkin Holdings group receive substantial benefits and from inception have had conflicts of interest in connection with the subject LLCs, including in connection with the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction. There are material risks and potential disadvantages associated with the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction. The supervisor and the Malkin Holdings group will receive substantial benefits in connection with the consolidation or a third-party portfolio transaction. See **Risk Factors beginning on page 95 and **Conflicts of Interest** beginning on page 270.**

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A participant's interest in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. may, in some cases, as described below, be subject to a buyout if he or she votes **AGAINST** or **ABSTAINS** on either the consolidation or the third-party portfolio transaction proposal, or does not vote. If you are a participant in Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. or 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C., and you vote **AGAINST** the consolidation or the third-party portfolio transaction proposal, you do not vote or you **ABSTAIN** and your subject LLC participates in the consolidation, your participation interests will be subject to a buyout if you do not vote in favor of the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction proposal within ten days after notice that the required supermajority consent has been received from the participants in your participating group, and the buyout amount for your interest, which is equal to the original cost less capital repaid, but not less than \$100 and is currently \$100, would be substantially lower than the consideration you would receive in connection with the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction. Unanimity on the consents is required pursuant to the organizational documents of Empire State Building Associates L.L.C. and 60 East 42nd St. Associates L.L.C. with respect to both the consolidation and the third-party portfolio proposal for the consent of a participating group; therefore, a participant in either of such subject LLCs who does not vote in favor of either the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction proposal (and does not change his or her vote after notice that the requisite supermajority consent has been obtained) will be subject to this buyout if the tabulation of consents by MacKenzie Partners, Inc. shows that the required consent in his or her participating group has been received, but in no event before the expiration of the 60-day solicitation period as the same may be extended, regardless of whether either or neither transaction is consummated or the required consent of other participating groups is received. You will not be subject to a buyout merely by voting **AGAINST** or **ABSTAINING** on the consolidation or third-party portfolio transaction, or by not voting.

THE SUPERVISOR BELIEVES THAT THE CONSOLIDATION PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS AND IS FAIR TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SUBJECT LLC AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS VOTE **FOR** THE CONSOLIDATION. SEE BACKGROUND OF AND REASONS FOR THE CONSOLIDATION THE SUPERVISOR'S REASONS FOR PROPOSING THE CONSOLIDATION.

THE SUPERVISOR BELIEVES IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO PROVIDE THE SUPERVISOR WITH THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A THIRD-PARTY PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CONSOLIDATION AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS VOTE **FOR** THE THIRD-PARTY PORTFOLIO PROPOSAL. SEE THIRD PARTY PORTFOLIO PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL.

THE SUPERVISOR BELIEVES THAT THE VOLUNTARY PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM IS FAIR AND REASONABLE AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED TO THE VOLUNTARY PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM **CONSENT TO** THE PROPOSAL. SEE VOLUNTARY PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR EXPENSES OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WITH FORMER PROPERTY MANAGER AND LEASING AGENT FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL AND THE BENEFITS TO THE SUPERVISOR.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the Class A common stock, Class B common stock or operating partnership units or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

After you read this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement, the company and the supervisor urge you to read the accompanying supplement for your subject LLC. The supplement contains information particular to your subject LLC. This information is material in your decision whether to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the consolidation.

THIS PROSPECTUS/CONSENT SOLICITATION IS AUTHORIZED FOR DELIVERY TO PARTICIPANTS ONLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR MORE SUPPLEMENTS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT LLCs IN WHICH SUCH PARTICIPANTS HOLD PARTICIPATION INTERESTS. SEE WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION.

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WHO CAN HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS?

If you have more questions about the proposed consolidation or would like additional copies of this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement or the supplement relating to your subject LLC(s) (which will be provided at no cost), you should contact the person designated on the consent form sent to you.

To obtain timely delivery, you should request this information no later than _____, 2012.

The date of this Prospectus/Consent Solicitation Statement is _____, 2012.

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