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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ellington Financial Inc. [EFC] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
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| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------|------|---|-------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|------------|---|--|
| OP LTIP Units ⁽²⁾ | (3) | 09/14/2023 | М | | | 6,199 | (4) | (4) | Common Units ⁽⁴⁾ | 6,199 | \$0 ⁽⁴⁾ | 0 | D | |
| OP LTIP Units ⁽²⁾ | (5) | 12/14/2023 | A | | 7,657 | | (5) | (5) | Common Units ⁽⁵⁾ | 7,657 | \$0 ⁽⁵⁾ | 7,657 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Shares"), of Ellington Financial Inc. (the "Company") are held in the Simon Family Trust (the "Trust"). Dr. Simon is a trustee of the Trust. Dr. Simon and his wife are the beneficiaries of the Trust. Dr. Simon disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

2. Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("OP LTIP Units") of Ellington Financial Operating Partnership LLC (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership subsidiary of the Company.

The OP LTIP Units were issued pursuant to, and were subject to the terms and conditions of, the Company' 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2017 Plan") and were converted into limited liability company interests of the Operating Partnership designated as common units (the "Common Units") on a one-for-one basis and subsequently redeemed for an equivalent number of shares of Common Shares.
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4. Represents the conversion of outstanding vested OP LTIP Units into Common Units and the redemption of the Common Units for Common Shares pursuant to the terms thereof. The conversion and redemption do not represent or involve a disposition for value. The 6,199 OP LTIP Units became convertible on September 12, 2023. The rights to convert OP LTIP Units into Common Units and redeem such Common Units do not have expiration dates.

5. The 7,657 OP LTIP Units remain forfeitable, subject to the reporting person's continued service as a member of the board of directors of the Company, until September 13, 2024. The OP LTIP Units may be converted, upon lapse of the vesting restrictions described above, at the election of the holder, or at any time at the election of the Company, into Common Units on a one-for-one basis. Subject to certain conditions, the Common Units are redeemable by the holder for an equivalent number of Common Shares or for the cash value of such Common Shares, at the Company's election. The OP LTIP Units were issued pursuant to, and are subject to the terms and conditions of the 2017 Plan. The rights to convert OP LTIP Units into Common Units and redeem such Common Units do not have expiration dates.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Alaael-Deen Shilleh, as</u> attorney-in-fact for Ronald I. <u>12</u> Simon

12/18/2023

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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