FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Vranos Michael W | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ellington Financial Inc. [EFC] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|----------|------------------------------|--|--|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|--|----------------|---|---|--|--|
| VIGHOS IVITCHACT VY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Director Officer (give title | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Officer below) | r (give title) | | below | (specify) | | |
| 53 FOREST AVENUE | | | | | | | 07/02/2024 | | | | | | | Co-C | Chief In | vestme | ent Offic | er | | |
| 33 T OKI | DI IIVEIV | 4.1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| OLD CT 06870 | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | | | | |
| GREEN | WICH C | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | - Ri | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 Title of 9 | Socurity (Inc | | 101-140 | 2. Trans | | _ | A. Deen | | 3. | | . | | | 5. Amount | | 6. Owr | archin | 7. Nature of | | |
| Date | | | | | | Execution | | | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | | Form: Direct | | Indirect | | |
| Mo | | | | | Month/Day/Year) | | (Month/Day/Year) | | | | 3, | | | Owned Following Reported | | (I) (Instr. 4) | | Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o | Price | Transaction (Instr. 3 ar | on(s) nd 4) | | | (111541. 4) | | |
| G | C41- | | | | | | | | | | 027.141 | | | | See | | | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | 927,141 | | I | | Footnote(1) | | | | | |
| Common | C41- | | | | | | | | | | 1,889,689 | | ı | | See | | | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | 1,889 | ,089 | | 1 | footnote(2) | | | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | 38,759 | | I | | In Trust ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | |
| Common | Stock | 2/2024 | .024 | | S | | 5,900 |) D | \$12.12 | 179,655 | | | I | In Trusts ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | |
| | | | Table II | - Deriva | ative | Secu | ıritie | s Aca | uired. I | Dist | osed o | f. or Be | neficially | Owned | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | tible sec | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D | n Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | | on of | | 6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da | Date | | of Securit Underlyin Derivative | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | | |
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| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisabl | | xpiration ate | Title | Number of Shares | | | | | | | |
| LTIP Units | (5) | | | | | | | | (5) | \dagger | (5) | Common Stock | 319,241 | | 319,2 | 241 | I | See footnote ⁽⁶⁾ | | |
| Common Units | (7) | | | | | | +++ | | (7) | | (7) | Common Stock | 28,521 | 28,521 | | 521 | I | See footnote ⁽⁸⁾ | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Of these 927,141 shares of common stock of the Ellington Financial Inc. (the "Company"), \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock"), 842,221 of them are owned directly by EMG Holdings, L.P. ("EMGH") and 84,920 of them are directly owned by Ellington Financial Management LLC ("EFM"). VC Investments LLC ("VC") is the general partner of EMGH and EMGH is the managing member of EFM. Michael W. Vranos is the managing member of, and holds a controlling interest in, VC. Mr. Vranos and VC together share the power to direct the voting and disposition of shares of Common Stock held by EMGH and EFM, and may be regarded as the beneficial owners of the shares of Common Stock. Each of Michael W. Vranos and VC disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of Common Stock owned beneficially or of record by each other except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. Mr. Vranos is the managing member of the Estate Planning Entity ("EPE"). Shares of Common Stock held by the EPE include 409,879 shares of Common Stock previously held directly by Mr. Vranos and 90,757 shares of Common Stock previously held by a family trust of which Mr. Vranos is the settlor.
- 3. These 38,759 shares of Common Stock are held by an entity owned by a family trust of which Laurence Penn is a settlor and for which Mr. Vranos serves as a trustee (the "Penn Family Trust"). Mr. Vranos has certain consent rights with respect to transfers of Shares of Common Stock held by the Penn Family Trust. Mr. Vranos disclaims any pecuniary interest in the shares of Common Stock held by the Penn
- 4. These shares of Common Stock are held in family trusts established by EMGH partners (other than Mr. Vranos) for which Mr. Vranos acts as trustee. One of the trusts, in which Mr. Vranos has sole voting power, owns 91,822 shares of Common Stock, and did not participate in these reported sales. The other trusts, in which Mr. Vranos has shared voting power, hold the remaining shares of Common Stock; the decision to enter into the reported transactions was made by another trustee who shares voting power in the selling trust with Mr. Vranos. The total holdings in these trusts have been adjusted to reflect an inadvertent error in prior Forms 4.
- 5. Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("OP LTIP Units") of EFCOP. Each OP LTIP Unit is convertible into a Common Unit on a one-for-one basis. Subject to certain conditions, the Common Units are redeemable by the holder for an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock or for the cash value of such shares of Common Stock, at the Company's election.
- 6. These OP LTIP Units are held by EMGH. Mr. Vranos and VC together share the power to direct the voting and disposition of OP LTIP Units held by EMGH, and may be regarded as the beneficial owners of the OP LTIP Units. Each of Mr. Vranos and VC disclaims beneficial ownership of any OP LTIP Units owned beneficially or of record by each other except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.
- 7. Represents a class of limited liability company interests ("Common Units") of Ellington Financial Operating Partnership LLC ("EFCOP"), the operating partnership of the Company. Subject to certain conditions, the Common Units are redeemable by the holder for an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock or for the cash value of such shares of Common Stock, at the Company's election
- 8. The remaining 28,521 Common Units are held by EMGH. Mr. Vranos and VC together share the power to direct the voting and disposition of Common Units held by EMGH, and may be regarded as the beneficial owners of the Common Units. Each of Mr. Vranos and VC disclaims beneficial ownership of any Common Units owned beneficially or of record by each other except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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