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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Name and Address of Reporting Person* Herlihy John					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ellington Financial Inc. [EFC]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 104			ner	
				— L								X	Officer (give ti	tle below)	Other (sp	pecify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 53 FOREST AVENUE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2020							Chief Financial Officer					
(Street) OLD GREENWICH CT 06870				4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individ	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zi	0)														
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Explanation of Responses:

1. 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 Ellington Financial Inc. (the "Company").

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2. 9,607 of the OP LTIP Units will vest on December 17, 2021 and the remaining 9,606 of the OP LTIP Units will vest on December 17, 2022. The OP LTIP Units will vest on December 17, 2022 and the remaining 9,606 of the OP LTIP Units will vest on December 17, 2022. The OP LTIP Units was 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 limited liability company interests of the Operating Partnership designated as common units ("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 shares of common stock of the Company, \$0.001 par value per share ("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 Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plant (the "2017 Plan").

3. 6,381 of these OP LTIP Units will vest on December 13, 2021.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason Frank, as attorney-in-fact for JR 12/21/2020 <u>Herlihy</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Laurence Penn, Daniel Margolis, Jason Frank, Daniel M. LeBey and Christopher C. Green, and each (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a beneficial owner of 10% or more of Ellington Financial LLG (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of below the undersigned grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, not the power of Attorney shall remain in effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned to the undersigne

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of February, 2018.

By: /s/ JR Herlihy Name: JR Herlihy