Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. Form 4 April 05, 2017 FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Form 5

1(b).

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SALVATI MICHAEL | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. [ARI] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) C/O APOLI MANAGEM 57TH STRE | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/03/2017 | | | | | X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below) | | | | | |
| | | | | | . If Amendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| NEW YORI | K, NY 10019 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction 2 (Month/Day/Ye | ear) Execut any | emed ion Date, if /Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi onAcquirec Disposec (Instr. 3, | l (A) of l of (E 4 and (A) or |)) 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | | | | Code V | Amount 2,668 | (D) | Price | × , | | | |
| Stock | 04/03/2017 | | | А | <u>(1)</u> | А | \$0 | 82,599 <u>(2)</u> | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 835 | I | By spouse's IRA | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Security or Exercise any Code of (Month/Day/Yet) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Derivative Securities Securities Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| Date E | Expiration Title Number Oate Shares |
| hepotting owners | |
| Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships Director 10% Owner Officer Other | r |

SALVATI MICHAEL C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019

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Signatures

/s/ Jessica L. Lomm, as Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

04/05/2017 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The Issuer granted these shares to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated.
- (2) 125 shares of the Issuer's common stock are held in a joint account with the Reporting Person's son. The Reporting Person has direct control over the joint account.

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