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FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Agarwal Jai			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. [ARI]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) C/O APOLL MANAGEM 57TH STRE	IENT, LLC,	9 WEST	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2018	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CFO, Treasurer and Secretary		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NEW YORK NY 10019				Form filed by More than One Reporting		

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City)	(State) (Z	ip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	or Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	` ′	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)
Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock	05/18/2018		Р	800	A	\$ 25.3575	800	D	
Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual	05/21/2018		P	3,000	A	\$ 25.4018 (2)	3,800	D	

Preferred Stock

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Agarwal Jai C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK NY 10019			CFO, Treasurer and Secretary				

Signatures

/s/ Jessica L. Lomm, as
Attorney-in-Fact 05/22/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.35 to \$25.37, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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