

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Blackstone Holdings III L.P.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.</u> <u>345 PARK AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10154</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT [EARN]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/24/2018</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/24/2018 | | P | | 11,515 | A | \$11.42 ⁽¹⁾ | 2,889,438 | I | See Footnotes ⁽²⁾ (3)(4)(5) |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2018 | | P | | 10,811 | A | \$11.52 ⁽⁶⁾ | 2,900,249 | I | See Footnotes ⁽²⁾ (3)(4)(5) |
| Common Stock | 05/29/2018 | | P | | 4,830 | A | \$11.56 ⁽⁷⁾ | 2,905,079 | I | See Footnotes ⁽²⁾ (3)(4)(5) |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

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Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions ranging from \$11.32 to \$11.47, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT (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 above.
2. These shares represent common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value per share ("Common Shares") of the Issuer that are directly held by Blackstone Tactical Opportunities EARN Holdings L.L.C. ("EARN Holdings").
3. BTO EARN Manager L.L.C. is the managing member of EARN Holdings. BTOA L.L.C. is the sole member of BTO EARN Manager L.L.C. Blackstone Holdings III L.P. is the managing member of BTOA L.L.C. The general partner of Blackstone Holdings III L.P. is Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P.
4. The general partner of Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P. is Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C. The sole member of Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C. is The Blackstone Group L.P. The general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. is Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is wholly owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by its founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman. As a result of his control of Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., Mr. Schwarzman may be deemed to have voting and investment power with respect to the Common Shares held by EARN Holdings.
5. Each of such Blackstone entities and Mr. Schwarzman may be deemed to beneficially own the shares beneficially owned by EARN Holdings directly or indirectly controlled by it or him, but each (other than EARN Holdings to the extent of its direct holdings) disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of any securities reported herein.
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7. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions ranging from \$11.51 to \$11.60, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake 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 above.

Remarks:

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[BTO EARN MANAGER L.L.C., By: BTOA L.L.C., its sole member, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer](#) 05/29/2018

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/s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman 05/29/2018
** 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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