FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  NOLAN THOMAS H JR |  |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Elme Communities [ ELME ]                                                                                                                                     | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner |                                             |                       |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                      |  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2023                                                                                                                                               | A                                                                                             | Officer (give title below)                  | Other (specify below) |  |  |
| 1775 EYE STREET N.W. SUITE 1000  (Street)                    |  |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                                                                                                                                  | 6. Indiv                                                                                      | ck Applicable Line) Person Reporting Person |                       |  |  |
| WASHINGTON DC 20006                                          |  | 20006    | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                               |                                             |                       |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                         |  | (Zip)    | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to sati affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. |                                                                                               |                                             |                       |  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, Transacti |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |       | Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                 |                                            | Code                      | v | Amount                                                               | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                     |                                                                   | (Instr. 4)              |
| Common Stock                    | 05/15/2023                                 | A                         |   | 3,084(1)                                                             | A             | \$0.0 | 39,258.3887                                            | D                                                                 |                         |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code (In | ransaction Derivative Securities |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Day/Y | ate                 | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                  |                                                                       |                                                             | Code     | v                                | (A) | (D)                               | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date                                                                         | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares                 |                                                                                            | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)     |                                                                    |  |

### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These are Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to the Washington Real Estate Investment Trust Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors - the number of shares awarded is based on the closing price on 5/15/2023 of \$16.21. The units settle only in stock.

> By: W. Drew Hammond For: Thomas H. Nolan, Jr. \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

05/16/2023

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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