FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sferruzza Hilla | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)Director10% Owner | | | | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE, SUITE 300 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018 | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer | | | | |
| (Street) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | | | | 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 _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | lired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, it | Code (A (Instr. 8) (A | | (A) or | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Reported Transaction(s) | | Collowing (s) | Ownership Form: | Beneficial | | |
| | | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Code | e V | Amour | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 a | nd 4) | | \ / | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| МТН Со | ommon Sto | ock | 02/13/2018 | | S | | 589 (1 | D D | \$ 45.2 | 15,328 | <u>(2)</u> | | D | |
| MTH Common Shares | | | | | | | | | 13,589 | <u>(3)</u> | | D | | |
| | | | | Derivative Securit | | the | tained i form dis | n this for splays a of, or Ben | rm are curre neficial | e not requ ntly valid | OMB con | spond unlea trol number | ss | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da any | | 5. | 6. I and (M | s, conver Date Exer Expirationth/Day | cisable on Date | 7. T Ame Und Secu | itle and ount of lerlying urities tr. 3 and | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (I or Indire | Beneficial Ownersh (Instr. 4) |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Sferruzza Hilla 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | | | Chief Financial Officer | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Hilla Sferruzza | 02/14/2018 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | 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) Represents sale of shares to cover required tax withholdings under a 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- (3) Balance represents restricted shares and restricted share units not vested.

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