FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| | pe Response | | | _ | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person CROWELL GAYLE A (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310 (Street) PALO ALTO, CA 94301 | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2021 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Office | r (give title belo | w) | Other (specify b | elow) | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 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 | (Instr. 8) | | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Ownership Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | (Monun/Day/Year | | | | | Price | (Instr. 3 a | anu 4) | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common | Stock | | 05/19/2021 | | A | | 329 (1 | $A = \begin{bmatrix} \$ \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | S 15.98 | 14,438 | | | D | |
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| | | | | Derivative Securit | | | | | eficial | ly Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | n 3A. Deemed Execution Da any | Derivative Securites, puts, calls, was tee, if Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8) | arrants, op 5. | 6. Da and I | | tible secur cisable on Date | 7. Ti Amo | tle and punt of erlying urities r. 3 and | 8. Price of | 9. Number Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | of 10. Ownersl Form of Derivati Security Direct (1 or Indire | Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4) |

Reporting Owners

| | | Relationships | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| CROWELL GAYLE A C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC. 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310 PALO ALTO, CA 94301 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ /Melanie Grace, Attorney-in-Fact for Gayle Crowell | 05/21/2021 | |
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| **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) Shares acquired through the Hercules Capital, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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