## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|--|-------|--|--|--|-------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Aguirre DeAnne                               |       |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC] |  |       |                        |  |                                 |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner   |                           |   |  |   |   |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE, SUITE 310 |       |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/23/2022                  |  |       |                        |  |                                 | Office  | er (give title belo  | ow)                       | Other (specify  | pelow)   |   |   |
| PALO ALTO, CA 94301  |       |  |  | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned           |       |                        |  |                                 |   |  |                           |   |  |   |   |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)   |       | Da                                       | Transaction ate Month/Day/Year)  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Datany   |       | (Instr. 8)             |  | (A) or                          | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (E) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | Beneficia<br>Reported     | ant of Securities<br>ally Owned Following<br>d Transaction(s) |  | Ownership Form:   | Beneficial  |
|  |       |  |  | (Month/Day/Y   | (ear) | Code                   | V                                      | Amour                           | (A) or (D)  | Price  | (Instr. 3 and 4)          |   | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | or Indirect (Instr. 4)                                  |   |
| Common S   | Stock | 06                                       | 6/23/2022  |  |       | A                      |  | 5,079<br>(1)                    |   | \$<br>13.29  | 5,079                     |   |  | D   |   |
| 1  |       |  |  |  |       |                        |  |                                 |   |  |                           | ction of inf  |  |   | 1474 (9-02)   |
|  |       |  |  | Derivative Sec   |       |                        | the                                    | tained i<br>form di<br>Disposed | in this fo<br>splays a<br>of, or Ber                              | rm are<br>curre<br>neficial  | not requesting ntly valid | uired to res<br>OMB con                                       | formation<br>spond unle<br>trol numbe          | ess   | 1474 (9-02)   |
| (Instr. 3) P   |       | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Yea | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da   | Derivative Sec<br>(e.g., puts, calls<br>4.<br>te, if Transact<br>Code<br>(Year) (Instr. 8) | ion S | <b>rrants, c</b><br>5. | conthe fred, Deptions 6. I and (More s | tained i<br>form di<br>Disposed | of, or Ber<br>rtible securcisable<br>on Date                      | rm are current rities)  7. Ti Amo Und Secu   | not requesting ntly valid | OMB con   | spond unle                                     | of 10. Owners Form o Derivat Security Direct ( or Indir | 11. Natu<br>of Indire<br>Beneficia<br>Ownersh<br>(Instr. 4) |

### **Reporting Owners**

|   | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| Aguirre DeAnne<br>C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC.<br>400 HAMILTON AVENUE, SUITE 310<br>PALO ALTO, CA 94301 | X             |              |         |       |  |  |

## **Signatures**

| /s//Eileen Bagarella, Attorney-in-Fact for DeAnne Aguirre | 06/27/2022 |  |
|---|------------|--|
| **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) Restricted Stock issued as an automatic grant upon election to the board of directors pursuant to the 2018 Non-Employee Director Plan and subject to forfeiture restrictions. One-third vests on the anniversary of the grant over three years.

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