FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Zakrowski Donald A   |   |                        |   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ELI LILLY & Co [ LLY ]  |   |  |                  |  |                   |  |                                      | (Check a                         | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|------------------|--|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER   |   |                        |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2020   |   |  |                  |  |                   |  |                                      |                                  | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chief Accounting Officer                |   |   |  |  |
| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS (City)   | IN<br>(State)   | 46<br>(Zi <sub>l</sub> | 285<br>p)                                     | 4  | 4. If Amendment, Date of 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 |   |  |                  |  |                   |  |                                      |                                  | <i>'</i>  |   |   |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |                        |   |  |   |   |  |                  |  |                   |  |                                      |                                  |   |   |   |  |  |
| I That of occurry (mounty)   |   |                        | Date  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any |  |                  | rities Acquired (A) or Dispos<br>tr. 3, 4 and 5)               |                   | sposed Of  | Beneficially Owner Following Reporte |                                  | 6. Ownership Form<br>Direct (D) or<br>ndirect (I) (Instr. 4)                                | Indirect<br>Beneficial  |   |  |  |
|  |   |                        |   |  | (Month  | (Month/Day/Year)                        |  | V Amount         |  |                   | (A) or (D)   | Price                                | Transaction(s) (Ir<br>and 4)     | nstr. 3   |   | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                             |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |                        |   |  |   |   |  |                  |  |                   |  |                                      |                                  | 4,740   |   | D   |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |                        |   |  |   |   |  |                  |  |                   |  |                                      |                                  | 1,656   |   | I   | 401(k)   |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |                        |   |  |   |   |  |                  |  |                   |  |                                      |                                  |   |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | e (Month/Day/Year)     | Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | Code (Instr. 8)   |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                   | 7. Title and Amount of Se<br>Underlying Derivative Sec<br>3 and 4) |                                      |                                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned | Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |                        |   | Code                                       | v   | (A)                                     | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisa |  | xpiration<br>Date | Title  |                                      | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4)             | 1` '  |  |  |
| Restricted Stock Unit  | (1)   | 12/01/2020             |   | A  |   | 4,810                                   |  | 12/01/20         | 23 1   | 2/01/2023         | Com  | mon Stock                            | 4,810                            | \$0   | 4,810   | D   |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Eli Lilly and Company common stock.

## Remarks:

Crystal T. Williams for Donald A. Zakrowski, authorization on file

12/02/2020

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).

\*\* 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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Donald A. Zakrowski Lilly Corporate Center Indianapolis, Indiana 46285

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Authorization Regarding Reporting Forms

I hereby authorize and designate the following persons to sign and file with the Commission on my behalf Forms 3, 4, and 5(including any amenda

Anat Hakim, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Crystal T. Williams, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Erin Conway, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

This authorization and designation shall remain in effect until a written revocation is signed by me and provided to the Commission.

Date: December 2, 2020 /s/ Donald A. Zakrowski