FORM 4

# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Ferson			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [ PZZA ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Smith Jeffrey C				X	Director	10% Owner Other (specify below)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)  JE, 18TH FLOOR  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/30/2020  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day.	Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Officer (give title below)						
777 THIRD AVEN	IUE, 18TH FLOOR		10/30/2020						
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)		X Form fil	,	. 0			

### 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)	3. Transac Code (li 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/30/2020		A		326.4134	A	\$76.59	10,814.8187	D		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								1,000	I	By Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd <sup>(1)</sup>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (li 8)	tion Derivative E			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
Series B Preferred Stock	\$50.06							02/04/2019	(8)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	2,340,551		117,168	I	By Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd <sup>(1)</sup>
Series B Preferred Stock	\$50.06							02/04/2019	(8)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	423,731		21,212	I	By Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC <sup>(2)</sup>
Series B Preferred Stock	\$50.06							02/04/2019	(8)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	239,592		11,994	I	By Starboard Value and Opportunity C LP <sup>(3)</sup>
Series B Preferred Stock	\$50.06							02/04/2019	(8)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	225,928		11,310	I	By Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund L LP <sup>(4)</sup>
Series B Preferred Stock	\$50.06							02/04/2019	(8)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	777,786		38,936	I	By Starboard P Fund LP <sup>(5)</sup>
Series B Preferred Stock	\$50.06							02/04/2019	(8)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	240,351		12,032 <sup>(9)</sup>	I	By Starboard Value X Master Fund Ltd <sup>(6)</sup>
Series B Preferred Stock	\$50.06							02/04/2019	(8)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	746,064		37,348	I	By Managed Account of Starboard Value LP <sup>(7)</sup>

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 2. Securities beneficially owned by Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC ("Starboard S LLC"). The Reporting Person, solely by virtue of his position as a member of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP, the general partner of the manager of Starboard S LLC, and as a member and member of the Management Committee of Principal GP, the general partner of the member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities directly held by Starboard S LLC for purposes of Section 16. The Reporting Person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Securities beneficially owned by Starboard Value and Opportunity C LP ("Starboard C LP"). The Reporting Person, solely by virtue of his position as a member of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP, the general partner of the investment manager of Starboard C LP, and as a member and member of the Management Committee of Principal GP, the general partner of the member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities directly held by Starboard C LP for purposes of Section 16. The Reporting Person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 4. Securities beneficially owned by Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund L LP ("Starboard L Master"). The Reporting Person, solely by virtue of his position as a member of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP, the general partner of the investment manager of Starboard L Master, and as a member and member of the Management Committee of Principal GP, the general partner of the member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities directly held by Starboard L Master for purposes of Section 16. The Reporting Person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 5. Securities beneficially owned by Starboard P Fund LP ("Starboard P LP"). The Reporting Person, solely by virtue of his position as a member of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP, the general partner of the investment manager of Starboard P LP, and as a member and member of the Management Committee of Principal GP, the general partner of the member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities directly held by Starboard P LP for purposes of Section 16. The Reporting Person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 6. Securities beneficially owned by Starboard Value X Master Fund Ltd ("Starboard X Master"). The Reporting Person, solely by virtue of his position as a member of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP, the general partner of the investment manager of Starboard X Master, and as a member and member of the Management Committee of Principal GP, the general partner of the member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities directly held by Starboard X Master for purposes of Section 16. The Reporting Person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 7. Securities held in a certain account managed by Starboard Value LP (the "Starboard Value LP Account"). The Reporting Person, solely by virtue of his position as a member of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP, the general partner of Starboard Value LP, and as a member and member of the Management Committee of Principal GP, the general partner of the member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities held in the Starboard Value LP Account for purposes of Section 16. The Reporting Person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 8. As previously disclosed in the Reporting Person's Section 16 filings with respect to the Issuer, the Reporting Person and certain of its affiliates purchased the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock") pursuant to the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreement, the Certificate of Designation of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, the Governance Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement, entered into with the Issuer. The Series B Preferred Stock has no stated maturity.
- 9. Starboard V&O Fund transferred 4,061 shares of Series B Preferred Stock held by it to Starboard X Master in a transaction exempt from Section 16, pursuant to Rule 16a-13 or otherwise.

/s/ Jeffrey C. Smith

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

11/03/2020 Date

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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