## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| _ | Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>   |

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|                           |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [ PZZA ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner |   |                                       |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last)<br>P. O. BOX 99900 | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/28/2022                           | X  | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>Chief Development  | Other (specify<br>below)<br>t Officer |  |  |
| (Street)<br>LOUISVILLE    | KY      | 40269    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                 | 6. Indiv<br>X  | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Ch<br>Form filed by One Reportin<br>Form filed by More than Or | g Person                              |  |  |
| (City)                    | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |   | re reporting Felson                   |  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |          | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported<br>Transaction(s) (Instr. | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------|----------|--|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                            | v | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price    | 3 and 4)   |   | (IIISU. 4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2022                                 |   | <b>A</b> <sup>(1)</sup>         |   | 1,498  | Α             | \$0.0000 | 10,658.3161  | D   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2022                                 |   | A <sup>(2)</sup>                |   | 73.1545  | Α             | \$106.81 | 10,731.4706  | D   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2022                                 |   | F                               |   | 409  | D             | \$106.82 | 10,322.4706  | D   |   |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |      | Derivative |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |       | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|--|---|--|---|------|------------|-----|--|---------------------|--|-------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  |   |  |   | Code | v          | (A) | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date   | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares     |  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)   |  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of shares of restricted stock vesting in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.

2. Acquisition of shares in Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan.

# Debra Tate Johnson, by Power of 03/02/2022

Attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person 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).

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