

LAROCCO MICHAEL
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LAROCCO MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)
518 E. BROAD STREET
(Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/31/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President, CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares without Par Value	08/31/2017		M	11,350	A \$ 23.01	40,190.101 (1)	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	\$ 23.01	08/31/2017		M	11,350	<u>(2)</u> 05/07/2025	Common Shares 11,350

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAROCCO MICHAEL 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215	X		President, CEO	

Signatures

/s/Michael E.LaRocco by Melissa A.Centers, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 2/23/16.

09/01/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Includes the following acquisitions: 1,214,147 shares acquired in June 2016 and 599,866 shares acquired in June 2017 through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 45,196 shares acquired in March 2016; 47,859 shares acquired in June 2016; 42,399 shares acquired in September 2016; 37,257 shares acquired in December 2016; 37,021 shares acquired in March 2017 and 40,659 shares acquired in June 2017 as dividend reinvestment..

(2) Grant has a graded vesting schedule. Date Exercisable will vary for each vesting tranche.

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