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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LAZARUS FRANZ E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 999 LAKE DRIVE (Street) ISSAQUAH WA 98027 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X Executive VP |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2019 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2019 | | F | | 374 | D | \$240.5 ⁽¹⁾ | 12,681 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2019 | | F | | 618 | D | \$240.5 ⁽¹⁾ | 12,063 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2019 | | F | | 1,571 | D | \$240.5 ⁽¹⁾ | 10,492 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2019 | | F | | 1,960 | D | \$240.5 ⁽¹⁾ | 8,532 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2018 | | G | V | 320 | D | (2) | 48,949 | I | Lazarus Family Trust |

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 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) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | (A) | (D) | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- This transaction is a withholding by the Company for taxes in connection with the vesting of previously granted restricted stock units. The price represents the closing market price of Costco common stock on NASDAQ on April 2, 2019.
- Personal gift.

Remarks:

Deanna K. Nakashima, 04/05/2019
attorney-in-fact

** 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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