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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Kardis Phillip John II</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O: CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION</u> <u>630 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 2400</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10111</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORP [CIM]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer</p> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/17/2024</u> | |
| 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>01/17/2024</u> | | <u>A</u> | | <u>273,449⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>\$0⁽²⁾</u> | <u>869,818⁽³⁾</u> | <u>D</u> | |

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) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents shares of Chimera common stock underlying restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The RSUs are scheduled to vest one-third per year on December 31st of 2024, 2025 and 2026 and shall be settled 100% in shares of Chimera common stock. The reporting person does not intend to report the vesting of the RSUs nor the delivery of the shares of common stock. The reporting person elected to defer share settlement until separation of service (such deferred share units are herein referred to as "DSUs").
- Each RSU is the economic equivalent of one share of Chimera common stock.
- Dividend equivalent rights ("DERs") issued on RSUs, underlying performance stock units or PSUs, and DSUs are included in the reporting person's common stock holding balance. Each DER is the economic equivalent of one share of Chimera common stock.

/s/ Phillip J. Kardis II 01/17/2024
 ** 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).

** 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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