

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
FARAHI BOB

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/20/2016

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

RENO, NV 89502

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	10/20/2016		M	(A) Amount 33,334 (1)	\$ 21.82	D	
Common Stock	10/20/2016		F	(A) Amount 31,535 (1)	\$ 23.57	D	
Common Stock					512,413	D	
Common Stock					435,000	I	by trust
Common Stock					434,626	I	by trust

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Common Stock 100,000 I by trust

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.82	10/20/2016		M	33,334 ⁽¹⁾	10/21/2009 10/21/2016	Common Stock 33,334
Option/right to buy	\$ 17.62					10/21/2018 10/21/2025	Common Stock 33,334
Option/right to buy	\$ 12.32					10/21/2017 10/21/2024	Common Stock 33,334
Option/right to buy	\$ 21.71					10/21/2016 10/21/2023	Common Stock 33,334
Option/right to buy	\$ 8.56					10/09/2015 10/09/2022	Common Stock 33,334
Option/right to buy	\$ 9.33					10/21/2014 10/21/2021	Common Stock 33,334
Option/right to buy	\$ 29					10/21/2010 10/21/2017	Common Stock 33,334

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARAH BOB MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET	X		President	

RENO, NV 89502

Signatures

Bob Farahi

10/24/2016

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

(1) On October 20, 2016, Mr. Farahi completed "net" stock option exercise whereby he exercised 33,334 stock options with an expiration date 10/21/2016. The exercise price of the stock option and the required tax withholding were paid in the form of stock totaling 31,535 shares. As a result of this "net" stock exercise Mr. Farahi beneficial ownership increased by the balance of 1,799 shares.

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