

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>520 NEWPORT CENTER DR.</u> <u>12TH FLOOR</u>  (Street) <u>NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ ACTG ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/08/2017</u>	

**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	05/08/2017		P		5,200 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$5.072	429,467	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2017		P		5,219 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$5.072	240,289	I	Graziadio Family Trust dtd 11/13/75 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								15,000	I	Graziadio Charitable Lead Annuity Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								10,000	I	Marianna R. Graziadio (minor children) <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								10,000	I	George L. Graziadio IV (minor children) <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock								10,000	I	The Gina-Carra Partnership <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock								2,500	I	Owned by spouse
Common Stock								10,000	I	George and Reva Graziadio Foundation <sup>(7)</sup>

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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares are owned by the Graziadio Family Trust u/d/t 11/13/75 ("GFT"), an irrevocable trust established by Mr. Graziadio for the benefit of his children. Mr. Graziadio is neither a trustee nor a beneficiary of GFT and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by GFT.

2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$5.10, inclusive. Mr. Graziadio undertakes to provide to Acacia Research Corporation ("Issuer"), any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.

3. These shares are owned by the George & Reva Graziadio Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (the "Annuity Trust"), in which Mr. Graziadio is trustee and Mr. Graziadio's minor children are contingent beneficiaries. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Annuity Trust.

4. Shares owned in the name of Mr. Graziadio's minor child, Marianna R. Graziadio.

5. Shares owned in the name of Mr. Graziadio's minor child, George L. Graziadio IV.

6. These shares are owned by Gina-Carra Partnership ("Gina-Carra"), a limited partnership of which Mr. Graziadio is the trustee of each of the general partners, which are trusts for the benefit of Mr. Graziadio's children. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Gina-Carra.

7. Shares are owned by the George and Reva Graziadio Foundation ("Foundation"), a charitable foundation established by Mr. Graziadio's parents, as to which Mr. Graziadio has no pecuniary interest. Mr. Graziadio is one of three directors of the Foundation and does not have the right to control disposition of these shares. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Foundation.

**Remarks:**

G. Louis Graziadio, III      05/09/2017  
 \*\* 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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