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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Schultz Erica</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CONFLUENT, INC.</u> <u>899 W. EVELYN AVENUE</u>  (Street) <u>MOUNTAIN</u> <u>CA</u> <u>94041</u> <u>VIEW</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Confluent, Inc.</u> [ <u>CFLT</u> ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President, Field Operations</u>	
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/11/2023</u>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.	

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			
Class A Common Stock	12/11/2023		C		75,000	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	554,537	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/11/2023		S		75,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$22.73 <sup>(3)</sup>	479,537	D	
Class A Common Stock								40,487	I	See footnote <sup>(4)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								11,500	I	See footnote <sup>(5)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								55,422	I	See footnote <sup>(6)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								79,091	I	See footnote <sup>(7)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								13,500	I	See footnote <sup>(8)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								200,000	I	See footnote <sup>(9)</sup>

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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.41	12/11/2023		M			75,000	(10)	12/04/2029	Class B Common Stock	75,000	\$0.00	1,854,675	D	
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/11/2023		M		75,000		(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	75,000	\$0.00	75,000	D	
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/11/2023		C		75,000		(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	75,000	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each share of Class B Common Stock held by the Reporting Person will automatically convert into one share of Class A Common Stock upon the sale or transfer of such share of Class B Common Stock, subject to certain exceptions, and in certain other circumstances described in the Issuer's amended and restated certificate of incorporation. Each share of Class B Common Stock will also be convertible at any time at the option of the Reporting Person into one share of Class A Common Stock.
2. Shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan dated August 19, 2023.
3. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$22.48 to \$23.13. The reporting person will provide to the SEC, the issuer or security holder of the issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
4. The shares are held by The Schultz Family Irrevocable Remainder Trust.
5. The shares are held by The Bryan and Erica Schultz Family Revocable Trust.
6. The shares are held by the Erica Schultz 2022 Annuity Trust.
7. The shares are held by the Erica Schultz 2023 Annuity Trust.
8. The shares are held by The Ruliffson Schultz Extended Family Trust.
9. The shares are held by The Schultz Family 2021 Irrevocable Beholder Trust.

10. The shares subject to the option are immediately exercisable. 25% of the shares vested on 10/28/2020 and the remainder vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to Reporting Person's continuous service through each such vesting date.

Remarks:

/s/ Melanie Vinson, Attorney-in-  
fact 12/13/2023

\*\* 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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