

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 16, 2018**

**ELI LILLY AND COMPANY**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Indiana**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**Lilly Corporate Center  
Indianapolis, Indiana**  
(Address of Principal  
Executive Offices)

**001-06351**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**35-0470950**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**46285**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 276-2000

No Change

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## **Item 5.02 Election of Director.**

On October 15, 2018, the Board of Directors of Eli Lilly and Company elected Karen Walker as a new member, effective December 1, 2018. Ms. Walker, age 57, is the Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at Cisco where she has worked since 2009. Prior to joining Cisco, Ms. Walker worked at Hewlett-Packard as Vice President of Strategy and Marketing for both the Consumer Digital Entertainment and Personal Systems groups. Her 20-plus years in the IT industry have included senior field and marketing leadership roles in Europe, North America, and the Asia Pacific region. Ms. Walker holds a Bachelor of Science degree with joint honors in chemistry and business studies from Loughborough University in England. She is a board member of the I.T. Services Marketing Association and a member of the CMO Council North America Advisory Board, the Marketers That Matter Council, Advancing Executive Women in Silicon Valley, and CRN's 2013 Women of the Channel.

Ms. Walker will serve on the Audit Committee and the Public Policy and Compliance Committee. Ms. Walker will serve under interim election and will stand for election by the Lilly shareholders at the company's annual meeting in May of 2020.

There is no arrangement between Ms. Walker and any person pursuant to which she was selected as a director. Ms. Walker is not a party to any transaction subject to Section 404(a) of Regulation S-K involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Ms. Walker will participate in the Director's compensation program as described in the company's 2018 Proxy Statement which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 19, 2018.

Today, the company issued a press release announcing Ms. Walker's appointment. A copy of the release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

## **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Eli Lilly and Company dated October 16, 2018

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**ELI LILLY AND COMPANY**  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Bronwen L. Mantlo  
Name: Bronwen L. Mantlo  
Title: Secretary and Deputy  
General Counsel

Dated: October 16, 2018

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit Number**

99.1

Exhibit

[Karen Walker Press Release](#)



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October 16, 2018

**For Release:** Immediately

**Refer to:** Kelley Murphy; [kmurphy@lilly.com](mailto:kmurphy@lilly.com); (317) 701-4007 (Media)  
Kevin Hern; [hernkr@lilly.com](mailto:hernkr@lilly.com); (317) 209-6325 (Investors)

### **Karen Walker Elected to Lilly Board of Directors**

INDIANAPOLIS, October 16, 2018 – The board of directors of Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) has elected Karen Walker as a new member, effective December 1, 2018. As a member of Lilly’s board, she will serve on both the Audit Committee and the Public Policy and Compliance Committee.

Walker is the Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at Cisco where she has worked since 2009. Prior to joining Cisco, Walker worked at Hewlett-Packard as Vice President of Strategy and Marketing for both the Consumer Digital Entertainment and Personal Systems groups. Her 20-plus years in the IT industry have included senior field and marketing leadership roles in Europe, North America, and the Asia Pacific region.

“I’m delighted to welcome Karen to the board,” said David A. Ricks, chairman and chief executive officer. “She has reinvigorated the brand at tech giant Cisco, positioning the company as a next level innovator, and will bring an important perspective to our business.”

Under Walker’s leadership, Cisco has been recognized for its marketing and communications approach from brand to demand, which leverages an industry-leading digital marketing technology platform to understand and engage with customers and partners. During her time as CMO, Cisco’s brand value has increased 16% to \$34.6B, ranking #15 on Interbrand’s Best Global Brands list. In 2017, Walker was named one of the Top 10 Most Influential CMOs by Forbes.

Walker holds a Bachelor of Science degree with joint honors in chemistry and business studies from Loughborough University in England. She is a board member of the I.T. Services Marketing Association and a member of the CMO Council North America Advisory Board, the Marketers That Matter Council, Advancing Executive Women in Silicon Valley, and CRN’s 2013 Women of the Channel.

### **About Eli Lilly and Company**

Lilly is a global healthcare leader that unites caring with discovery to make life better for people around the world. We were founded more than a century ago by a man committed to creating high-quality medicines that meet real needs, and today we remain true to that mission in all our work. Across the globe, Lilly employees work to discover and bring life-changing medicines to those who need them, improve the understanding and management of disease, and give back to communities through philanthropy and volunteerism. To learn more about Lilly, please visit us at [www.lilly.com](http://www.lilly.com) and [www.lilly.com/newsroom/social-channels](http://www.lilly.com/newsroom/social-channels). **C-LLY**

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