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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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subject to

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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(Last)

1.Title of

Security (Instr. 3) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

RED ROBIN GOURMET **BURGERS INC [RRGB]**

(Middle)

6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE, SUITE 200N

(Street)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President and CEO

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

> (City) (State)

(Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount Price (D)

(A)

Common 03/15/2018 Stock

7,575 (1)

\$0 $26,697 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ D

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	Date Exercisable and appropriation Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 61.25	03/15/2018		A	39,617	(3)	03/15/2028	Common Stock	39,617	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Funite / Futuress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Post Denny Marie 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	X		President and CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Kaplan,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/19/2018

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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).

Date

- Represents a grant of time-based stock units under the issuer's 2017 Performance Incentive Plan. Each time-based stock unit represents the contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock. One-fourth of the units are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. The closing price on the date of grant, March 15, 2018, was \$61.25.
- (2) Includes 20,036 shares subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.
- (3) One-fourth of the options are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

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