

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC
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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 *
 Kaplan Michael L.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC [RRGB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN
 CIRCLE, SUITE 200N

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Legal Officer

(Street)
 GREENWOOD
 VILLAGE, CO 80111

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/21/2017		F	61 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 47.5	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2017		F	69 ⁽²⁾	\$ 47.5	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)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kaplan Michael L. 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111			Chief Legal Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael L.
Kaplan 02/23/2017

__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) In connection with the vesting of 164 time-based restricted stock units, which were granted on February 18, 2015 under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan, the reporting person sold 61 of such shares to the issuer to satisfy his tax withholding obligations. The sale was approved by the issuer's Compensation Committee in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d)(1) of the Exchange Act (the "Act"), and as such, the sale is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Act pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e) promulgated thereunder.

(2) In connection with the vesting of 186 time-based restricted stock units, which were granted on February 19, 2014 under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan, the reporting person sold 69 of such shares to the issuer to satisfy his tax withholding obligations. The sale was approved by the issuer's Compensation Committee in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d)(1) of the Exchange Act (the "Act"), and as such, the sale is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Act pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e) promulgated thereunder.

(3) Includes 1,289 restricted stock units subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions

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