

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 *
 Carley Stephen E.

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

GREENWOOD
 VILLAGE, CO 80111
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
Common Stock	02/17/2016		A	(A) or (D) 6,110 (1)	\$ 0 20,469 (2)	D	
Common Stock					32,057	I	See footnote (3)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 63.82	02/17/2016		A	34,534	<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2026	Common Stock	34,534

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carley Stephen E. 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Kaplan,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/19/2016

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Represents a grant of time-based restricted stock units under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan. Each time-based restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock. One-fourth (1/4) 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, February 17, 2016, was \$63.82.
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 - (2) Includes 19,469 restricted stock units subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.
 - (3) The shares are held indirectly by the reporting person as co-trustee of The Carley Family Trust.
 - (4) One-fourth (1/4) 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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