

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Executive 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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)
Common Stock	02/22/2016		F	693 <sup>(1)</sup> D	\$ 63.12 16,756 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					33,743	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## 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

02/24/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- In connection with the vesting of 1,269 time-based restricted stock units, which were granted on February 21, 2012 under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan, the reporting person sold 693 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. The net 576 shares were transferred to The Carley Family Trust and are now held indirectly.
- (1) 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. The net 576 shares were transferred to The Carley Family Trust and are now held indirectly.
  - (2) Includes 15,756 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.

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