

HIGGINS JOHN L  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 HIGGINS JOHN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS  
 INC [LGND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2018

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

3911 SORRENTO VALLEY  
 BOULEVARD, STE 110

(Street)

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2018                           |  | S                              |   | 9,000<br>(1) D \$ 157.031<br>(2) 102,700  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 2,635<br>(3) D \$ 157.18 100,065  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 1,918<br>(4) D \$ 157.18 98,147   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 1,689<br>(5) D \$ 157.18 96,458   | D  |                                   |



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Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of previously reported restricted stock units that were granted on 02/11/2016.

- (5) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of previously reported restricted stock units that were granted on 02/24/2017.

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