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RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC Form 4 February 24, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Carley Stephen E. Issuer Symbol **RED ROBIN GOURMET** (Check all applicable) BURGERS INC [RRGB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN 02/22/2016 Chief Executive Officer CIRCLE, SUITE 200N (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting GREENWOOD Person VILLAGE, CO 80111 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 02/22/2016 F 693⁽¹⁾ D 16,756 (2) D Stock 63.12 See Common 33,743 Ι footnote Stock (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. 6. Date Exercisable : onNumber Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | Date | Amou Under Secur | tle and unt of vrlying rities \therefore 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| Repo | rting O | wners | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address** Director 10% Owner Officer Other Carley Stephen E. 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE X Chief Executive Officer SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111 Signatures /s/ Michael L. Kaplan, 02/24/2016 Attorney-in-Fact **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

- (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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