UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.	Meeting Information Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: April 02, 2018 Date: May 30, 2018 Time: 8:00 AM MDT	B A		
BROKER LOGO HERE	Location: Red Robin Gournet Burgers, Inc. Corporate Headquarters 6312 S. Fiddler's Green Circle Suite 200N Greenwood Village, CO 80111	R C D E		
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How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a "*legal proxy*." To do so, please follow the instructions at *www.proxyvote.com* or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow \rightarrow [xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx] available and follow the instructions.

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Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction form.

Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

- 1. Election of Directors
 - Nominees
- 1A Cambria W. Dunaway
- 1B Kalen F. Holmes
- 1C Glenn B. Kaufman
- 1D Aylwin B. Lewis
- 1E Steven K. Lumpkin
- 1F Pattye L. Moore
- 1G Stuart I. Oran
- 1H Denny Marie Post

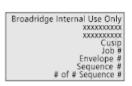
The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

2 Approval, on an advisory basis, of the Company's executive compensation.

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3 Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 30, 2018.





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Voting items Continued

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NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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