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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 [*] – Aiken Robert Blaine Jr | | | 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) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) 6312 S. FIDDLER'S 200N | (First) GREEN CIRC | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Ye 05/31/2017 | | | | | | | | |
| GREENWOOD VIL | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | , | Table I - No | on-De | erivative | Securiti | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
| (Instr. 3) Date | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | (Instr. 8) | ion | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Ownership Form: | Beneficial |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Direct (D) C or Indirect (I (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | 05/31/2017 | | М | | 5,000 | А | \$ 21.61 | 6,547 | D | |
| Common Stock | | 05/31/2017 | | S | | 2,946 | D | \$ 71.8 | 3,601 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 18,693 | Ι | See footnote (2) |

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

| (<i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | | | | | | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of Derivative | 10. Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect | | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | | Derivative (Month/Day/Year) | | Securities Secur | | 2 | | | Beneficial | | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 |) | | Securities Acquired | | (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 5) | | - | Derivative | - | | |
| | Derivative Security | | | | | (A) | - | | | | | | Security: Direct (D) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | ~~~~ | | | | | Disp | posed | sed | | | | | Reported | or Indirect | |
| | | | | | | of (l | D) tr. 3, 4, | 4 | | | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | and | | | | | | | (1150.4) | (111501.4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of Shares | | | | |
| F 1 | | | | Coue | v | (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.61 | 05/31/2017 | | М | | | 5,000 | (3) | 03/03/2020 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Aiken Robert Blaine Jr 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111 | Х | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Michael L. Kaplan, Attorney-in-Fact | 06/01/2017 |
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| Signature of Penorting 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).

- (1) Includes 1,547 shares subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.
- (2) The shares are held indirectly by the reporting person as trustee of the Robert B. Aiken Trust U/A 08/04/98.
- (3) The option is fully vested.

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