FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kaplan Michael L. | | | | 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 X Officer (give title below) Chief Legal Officer Check all applicable Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE, SUITE 200N | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2021 | | | | | | | Ch | ner Legar Or | icer | | |
| (Street) GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm 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/Yea | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, any | (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | of (D) | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | | Ownership of Form: | Beneficial | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Yea | | ode | V | Amoun | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 a | nd 4) | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | 03/15/2021 | | I | F | | 75 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 41.1 | 4 16,173 | 16,173 ⁽²⁾ | | D | | |
| Reminder: | Report on a s | separate line fo | | Derivative Secur | ities Ac | equire | Pers cont the f | ons what ained in form dis | no responding this formula of the second sec | orm a a curr eneficia | re not requently valid | OMB con | formation spond unle trol numbe | ss | 1474 (9-02) |
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| Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | Year) Execution Da | | Transaction Number of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | An Un Sec | Title and nount of iderlying curities str. 3 and | ount of erlying urities r. 3 and Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Owners Form o Derivat Security Direct (or Indir (s) (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) D) ect | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exe | • | Expirati Date | ion Tit | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Kaplan Michael L. 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111 | | | Chief Legal Officer | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Michael L. Kaplan | 03/17/2021 |
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| **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 268 time-based restricted stock units which were granted on March 15, 2018 under the issuer's 2017 Performance Incentive Plan, as amended, the reporting person sold 75 of such shares to the issuer to satisfy 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.
- (2) Includes 12,091 shares subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.

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