

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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* MERULLO ROBERT		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) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chief Concept Officer</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE, SUITE 200 NORTH		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2006			
(Street) GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to Buy)	\$ 41.45	02/22/2006		A		10,000		(U)	02/22/2016	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 41.45	60,000	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERULLO ROBERT 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200 NORTH GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111			Chief Concept Officer	

## Signatures

Attorney-in- Fact Annita Menogan		02/22/2006
<small>*Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## 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) The Option shall become vested as to 25% of the total number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Option on the first anniversary of the Award Date. The remaining 75% of the total number of shares of Common Stock subject to the option shall become vested in 36 substantially equal monthly installments, with the first installment vesting on the same day of the month following the month in which the first anniversary of the Award Date occurs and an additional installment vesting on the same day of each of the 35 months thereafter.

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