

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Cooney Cathy

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN  
 CIRCLE, SUITE 200N  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/17/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief People Officer

GREENWOOD  
 VILLAGE, CO 80111  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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)
Common Stock	02/17/2016		A	955 (1) A \$ 0	5,254 (2)	D	

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)**

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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. Title	9. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 63.82	02/17/2016		A	5,401	(3) 02/17/2026	Common Stock	5,401	

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Cooney Cathy  
6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE  
SUITE 200N  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

Chief People Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Kaplan,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/19/2016

\_\_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).  
Represents a grant of time-based restricted stock units under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan. Each time-based restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock. One-fourth (1/4) of the units are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. The closing price on the date of grant, February 17, 2016, was \$63.82.
- (1) Includes 3,207 restricted stock units subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.
- (2) One-fourth (1/4) of the options are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

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