

CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC
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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 *
ZURZOLO DEBBY R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC
 [CAKE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/24/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP, Gen Counsel & Secy

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/24/2016		M	600 A \$ 9.2	26,398	I	By Trust (1)
Common Stock	02/24/2016		S	500 D \$ 50.75	25,898	I	By Trust (1)
Common Stock	02/24/2016		S	500 D \$ 50.41	25,398	I	By Trust (1)
Common Stock	02/25/2016		M	600 A \$ 9.2	25,998	I	By Trust (1)
Common Stock	02/25/2016		S	500 D \$ 50.94	25,498	I	By Trust (1)

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Common Stock	16,200 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	757	I	By SEP IRA

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.2	02/24/2016		M	600	02/05/2010 02/05/2017	Common Stock	600
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.2	02/25/2016		M	600	02/05/2010 02/05/2017	Common Stock	600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZURZOLO DEBBY R 26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301			Exec VP, Gen Counsel & Secy	

Signatures

Debby Zurzolo

02/26/2016

**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).
- (1) Held by the Debby R. Chinski Living Trust of which the reporting person is trustee.
 - (2) shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture.

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