

CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC
 Form 4
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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)
11/17/2016

____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/17/2016 | | M | 4,800 A \$ 9.2 | 31,864 | I | By Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | 11/17/2016 | | S | 500 D \$ 56.709 | 31,364 | I | By Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | 11/17/2016 | | S | 3,500 D \$ 57 | 27,864 | I | By Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2016 | | S | 200 D \$ 58.442 | 27,664 | I | By Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2016 | | S | 200 D \$ 58.073 | 27,464 | I | By Trust (1) |

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|--------------|-----------------------|---|------------|
| Common Stock | 12,600 ⁽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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.2 | 11/17/2016 | | M | 4,800 | 02/05/2010 02/05/2017 | Common Stock | 4,800 |

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 11/21/2016
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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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