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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BENN DOUG** Issuer Symbol CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC (Check all applicable) [CAKE] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ __ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 26901 MALIBU HILLS RD 03/02/2017 Exec VP, CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301 Person

| (City) | (State) (2 | Table | I - Non-Do | erivative S | ecurities A | equired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly 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) | ransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 13,500 (1) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 5,000 | I | By 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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 61.59 | 03/02/2017 | | A | 10,350 | <u>(2)</u> | 03/02/2025 | Common Stock | 10,350 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BENN DOUG | | | Exec | | | |
| 26901 MALIBU HILLS RD | | | VP, | | | |
| CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301 | | | CFO | | | |
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Signatures

W. Douglas Benn by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney

in fact 03/06/2017

**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) Shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture.
- (2) Vests as to 20% of the options on each of 3/2/18, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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