CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ZURZOLO DEBBY R 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 ROAD 03/16/2017 Exec VP, Gen Counsel & Secy (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) (Zip)

| (City) | (State) | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative (| Secur | ities Acqı | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | y Owned |
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| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | sposed 4 and (A) or | d of (D) 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 Common | 03/16/2017 | | Code V S | Amount 300 (1) | (D) | Price \$ 62.84 | 25,584 | I | By Trust |
| Stock Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,400 (3) 757 | D I | By IRA |

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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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| | | | | | | 2.1010184610 | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

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 by Cheryl Slomann, her attorney in fact

03/17/2017

**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) Pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Held by the Debby R. Chinski Living Trust of which the reporting person is trustee.
- (3) Shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture.

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