

CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC
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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 *
BENN DOUG

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 RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/24/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec VP, CFO

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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/24/2017		M		18,500 (1) A \$ 29.29	70,261	D
Common Stock	04/24/2017		S		16,382 (1) D \$ 64	53,879	D
Common Stock	04/24/2017		S		519 (1) D \$ 64.6634	53,360	D
Common Stock						8,800 (2)	D
Common Stock						5,000	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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.29	04/24/2017		M	18,500	01/05/2013	01/05/2020	Common Stock	18,500

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

W. Douglas
Benn
04/25/2017
**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) Shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture.

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