FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Garcia Manuel A					<u>C</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [TAST]										all app	ship of Reporting applicable) irector fficer (give title		10% C	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 968 JAMES STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2017										belov			below)			
(Street)	(Street) SYRACUSE NY 13203			4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	vative	Sec	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, oı	r Bene	efici	ally C	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Secu Bene Own		cially I Following	Form (D) o	wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	, l	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(11150.4)	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value			01/1	01/15/2017				A		6,645	A ⁽¹⁾ \$0		0(1) 30		80,500		D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
Derivative Conversion Date Exe Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if a		3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	of E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			ivative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	, E	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code V		(A)	(D)	Date Evercisable		Expiration	Numbe of Title Shares								

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2016 Stock Incentive Plan.

Remarks:

/s/ Manuel A Garcia III

01/18/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly.$

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