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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addr DERBY DE		g Person <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP</u> , <u>INC.</u> [TAST]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner
(Last) C/O CARROL 968 JAMES S	(First) (Middle) LS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2023	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)	
(Street) SYRACUSE (City)	NY (State)	13203 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

## 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. Transa Code ( 8)	ction	4. Securities Disposed Of 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, \$0.01 par value	01/15/2023		Α		49,020	<b>A</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>\$0</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	133,248	D	

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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)		saction de (Instr. (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

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

#### Remarks:

### /s/ Deborah M. Derby

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

01/17/2023

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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