

BALMUTH MICHAEL

Form 4

March 20, 2018

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BALMUTH MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5130 HACIENDA DRIVE

(Street)

DUBLIN, CA 94568

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/16/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Chairman, Executive

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/16/2018                              |                                                             | A                                    | Amount<br>(2)<br>85,628                                                 | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>\$ 0                                                                                           | 120,703                                                                 | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/16/2018                              |                                                             | S                                    | 25,689                                                                  | (1)<br>\$ 76.8401                                                                                                  | 95,014                                                                  | D                                                                 |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| BALMUTH MICHAEL<br>5130 HACIENDA DRIVE<br>DUBLIN, CA 94568 | X             |           | Chairman,<br>Executive |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John Call for Michael  
Balmuth 03/20/2018

\_\_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) The price reported is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$76.29 to \$77.4052, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ross Stores, Inc., any security holder of Ross Stores, Inc., and to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request, full information regarding the numbers of shares sold at each separate price within this price range.

(2) Shares issued pursuant to settlement of a performance share award under the terms of the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares become vested as follows: 25,689 shares vest as of March 16, 2018, 25,689 shares vest as of March 12, 2019, and 34,250 shares vest as of May 31, 2019.

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