

ROSS STORES INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Panattoni Lisa R

(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)  
03/16/2016

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)  
President, Merchanding

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2016                           |  | A                              |   | 20,813 (1)  | A  | \$ 0 226,135 (2) D                |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 3,485   | D  | \$ 58.09 222,650 D                |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 3,118   | D  | \$ 58.09 219,532 D                |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 659   | D  | \$ 58.09 218,873 D                |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 26,548  | D  | \$ 58.09 192,325 D                |

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Common Stock      03/17/2016      S      31,267      D      \$ 58.485      161,058      D      (3)

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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu...                   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Panattoni Lisa R<br>5130 HACIENDA DRIVE<br>DUBLIN, CA 94568 |               |           | President,<br>Merchandising |       |

**Signatures**

/s/ Ken Jew for Lisa R      03/18/2016  
Panattoni

\*\*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).
- Shares issued pursuant to settlement of a performance share award under the terms of the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares become vested as follows: 6,245 shares vest as of March 16, 2016, 6,245 shares vest as of March 14, 2017, and 8,323 shares vest as of March 12, 2018.
- (1)
- (2)

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The Securities Beneficially Owned reflects a 2:1 stock split effected in the form of a stock dividend paid on 6/11/2015 to all holders of record on 4/22/15.

- (3) The price reported is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$58.36 to \$58.56, 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.

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