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•	ATES SECURITIES AN	OMB APPROVAL			
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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 <u>*</u> Carango Keith	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Syn CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC [

4. Relationship of Reporting

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

President (Subsidiary)

SEC 1473 (7-02)

10% Owner

Other

Person(s) to Issuer

Director

__X__Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

_ Form filed by More than One

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person

Reporting Person

26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD

(First)

(Middle)

(Street)

CALABASAS HILLS, CAÂ 91301

(Last)

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Beneficially Owned
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Sto	ock		13,128	D	Â
Common Sto	ock		5,300 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	03/07/2021	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 35.62	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(<u>3)</u>	03/06/2022	Common Stock	3,200	\$ 48.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	03/05/2023	Common Stock	4,200	\$ 48.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	03/03/2024	Common Stock	5,040	\$ 50.26	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	03/02/2025	Common Stock	5,200	\$ 61.59	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	02/15/2026	Common Stock	8,300	\$ 47.06	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(8)	04/05/2026	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 51.74	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Carango Keith 26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301	Â	Â	President (Subsidiary)	Â		

Signatures

Keith Carango05/02/2018**Signature of
Reporting PersonDate

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture. 4,000 shares vest 60% 2/15/2021 and 20% on each of 2/15/2022 and 2/15/2023. 1,300 shares vest 60% 4/5/2021 and 20% on each of 4/5/2023 and 4/5/2023.
- (2) The option is exercisable in five equal installments. The installments became exercisable on each of 3/7/2014, 3/7/2015, 3/7/2016, 3/7/2017 and 3/7/2018.
- (3) The option is exercisable in five equal installments. The first four installments became exercisable on each of 3/6/2015, 3/6/2016, 3/6/2017 and 3/6/2018. The fifth installment becomes exercisable on 3/6/2019.
- (4) The option is exercisable in five equal installments. The first three installments became exercisable on each of 3/5/2016, 3/5/2017 and 3/5/2018. The fourth and fifth installments become exercisable on each of 3/5/2019 and 3/5/2020.
- (5) The option is exercisable in five equal installments. The first two installments became exercisable on 3/3/2017 and 3/3/2018. The next three installments become exercisable on each of 3/3/2019, 3/3/2020 and 3/3/2021.

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- (6) The option is exercisable in five equal installments. The first installment became exercisable on 3/2/2018. The next four installments become exercisable on each of 3/2/2019, 3/2/2020, 3/2/2021 and 3/2/2022.
- (7) The option is exercisable in five equal installments. The five installments will become exercisable on each of 2/15/2019, 2/15/2020, 2/15/2021, 2/15/2022 and 2/15/2023.
- (8) The option is exercisable in five equal installments. The five installments will become exercisable on each of $\frac{4}{5}/2019$, $\frac{4}{5}/2020$, $\frac{4}{5}/2021$, $\frac{4}{5}/2022$ and $\frac{4}{5}/2023$.

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