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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Montoya Jorge P Issuer Symbol KROGER CO [KR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X__ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O THE KROGER CO... 1014 11/09/2018 below) VINE STREET 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/09/2018		Code V M	Amount 13,000	(D)	Price \$ 13.07	(Instr. 3 and 4) 37,698	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2018		F	2,619	D	\$ 31.25	35,079	D	
Common Stock							22,000	I	Trust

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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)	TransactiorDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.07	11/09/2018		M	13,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/11/2018	Common Stock	13,0	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Montoya Jorge P							
C/O THE KROGER CO.,	X						
1014 VINE STREET	Λ						
CINCINNATI, OH 45202							

Signatures

/s/ Jorge P. Montoya, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

11/13/2018

**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) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vested in equal annual installments over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.

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