

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Short Maureen B</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE <hr/> (Street) PLANO TX 75024 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII]</u> <hr/> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	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	19,085	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	02/23/2019 ⁽¹⁾	02/23/2028	Common	14,636	8.22	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	02/16/2018 ⁽¹⁾	02/16/2027	Common	21,807	8.32	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	02/05/2017 ⁽¹⁾	02/05/2026	Common	14,583	10.34	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	10/01/2011 ⁽¹⁾	10/01/2020	Common	1,875	22.38	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	01/31/2015 ⁽¹⁾	01/31/2024	Common	5,066	25.03	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	02/06/2016 ⁽¹⁾	02/06/2025	Common	6,088	29.31	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	01/31/2012 ⁽¹⁾	01/31/2021	Common	594	29.91	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	01/31/2014 ⁽¹⁾	01/31/2023	Common	2,126	34.77	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	01/31/2013 ⁽¹⁾	01/31/2022	Common	1,642	37.19	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options vest ratably over 4 years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant and becoming fully exercisable on the 4th anniversary of the date of grant (25% of the total number of shares granted vesting on each such anniversary date). Options expire 10 years from the date of grant.

/s/ Maureen B. Short

12/27/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 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).

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