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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Short Maureen B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>PLANO TX 75024</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <p style="text-align: center;">CFO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/26/2021</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2021		A		3,559 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	95,445 ⁽²⁾	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2021		M		4,450 ⁽³⁾	A	\$10.34	99,895 ⁽²⁾	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2021		S		4,450 ⁽³⁾	D	\$56.83 ⁽⁴⁾	95,445 ⁽²⁾	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$10.34	02/26/2021		M ⁽³⁾			4,450	02/05/2017	02/05/2026	COMMON STOCK	4,450	\$0	6,077	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents restricted stock units which vest annually in one-third increments on February 26 of each of the next three years provided that the reporting person has been continuously employed by the issuer as of each such vesting date.
2. Includes shares of common stock and unvested restricted stock units.
3. Reported transactions were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 24, 2020.
4. The price reported reflects the weighted average price, rounded to the nearest cent, of shares purchased at prices ranging from \$52.75 to \$58.02 per share. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

Remarks:

/s/ Bryan Pechersky, attorney-in-fact 03/02/2021

** 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 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).

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