LITHIA MOTORS INC

Form 4

February 15, 2017

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and a	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	t) (First) (Middle) 3. Date (Month BARTLETT 02/13/					ansaction			X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
MEDFORI	O, OR 97501								Person			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any	on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or				l of (D) 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)		
Class A Common Stock	02/13/2017			A	V	Amount 12,174 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0 (2)	111,070	D		
Class A Common Stock	02/13/2017			F		1,345 (3)	D	\$ 101.8	109,725	D		
Class A Common Stock									1,191	I	by Daughter	
Class A Common									1,191	I	by Son (4)	

Stock

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. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amor Unde Secur	le and ant of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				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

DEBOER BRYAN B 150 N. BARTLETT MEDFORD, OR 97501

X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

By: Larissa McAlister, 02/15/2017 Attorney-in-Fact

**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).

Restricted stock units were awarded and earned under a performance and time-vesting restricted stock unit agreement entered into in 2016. Compensation Committee certification of the achievement of the performance condition for the award occurred on the transaction

- (1) date. 3,044 shares of Class A Common Stock were issued in settlement of an equal number of restricted stock units. Subject to the reporting persons continued employment with the issuer or any of its subsidiaries, the remaining restricted stock units vest in equal installments on January 1 of each of 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.

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- (3) Shares were withheld by the issuer to cover withholding taxes upon vesting of restricted stock units.
- (4) Reporting person is the custodian for the reporting person's son under the Oregon Uniform Transfer to Minors Act.

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