

ROSS STORES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BALMUTH MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4440 ROSEWOOD DR.
(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman, Pres. & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/22/2007		A		232,762 (1)	A	\$ 0 517,777
						D	

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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.37	03/22/2007		A	523,713	<u>(2)</u> 03/22/2017	Common Stock	52	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALMUTH MICHAEL 4440 ROSEWOOD DR. PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X		Vice Chairman, Pres. & CEO	

Signatures

John Call, Attorney in Fact for Michael Balmuth
 Balmuth
 03/23/2007
 **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) The shares become vested as follows: 40% of shares granted cliff vest on January 29, 2010 and 60% of shares granted cliff vest on January 29, 2011.
- (2) The shares become vested as follows: 40% of shares granted vest monthly from January 29, 2009 through January 29, 2010 and 60% of shares granted vest monthly from January 29, 2010 through January 29, 2011.

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