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## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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C-1 Ct D		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [ PZZA ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 99900		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director		10% Owner Other (specify below)	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street) LOUISVILLE K (City) (S	⟨Υ  State)	40269 (Zip)			VP, IR and Strat	egy	Applicable X F	ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check e Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,285	D	
Common Stock	1,513.13	I	By 401(k) Plan

# 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	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	02/23/2015	02/22/2022	Common Stock	1,290	18.46	D	
Stock Options	02/28/2016	02/28/2023	Common Stock	926	26.005	D	
Stock Options	02/27/2017	02/27/2024	Common Stock	534	50.59	D	
Stock Options	(1)	02/25/2026	Common Stock	1,881	59.03	D	
Stock Options	(2)	02/26/2025	Common Stock	1,569	63.92	D	
Stock Options	(3)	02/23/2027	Common Stock	1,334	78.77	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date of 02/25/2016.
- 2. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date of 02/26/2015.
- $3. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ one \ year \ from \ the \ grant \ date \ of \ 02/23/2017.$

<u>Debra A. Tate, by power of</u> attorney

02/16/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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