

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Schlonsky Michael Allen

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
(Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BIG LOTS INC [BIG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2016

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)  
Executive Vice President

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	03/10/2016		A	6,161 A \$ 0	41,612	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2016		F <sup>(1)</sup>	675 D \$ 44.87	40,937	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2016		S <sup>(2)</sup>	1,358 D \$ 45.47	39,579	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2016		F <sup>(1)</sup>	1,048 D \$ 45.65	38,531	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2016		S <sup>(2)</sup>	2,092 D \$ 45.86	36,439	D	

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Common Stock	3,156	I	By the 401(k) Plan <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	3,300	I	By the Trust <u>(4)</u>

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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schlonsky Michael Allen 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Michael Allen Schlonsky  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/14/2016

\*\*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 reporting person elected, pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1, to allow the issuer to withhold common shares to satisfy taxes applicable to the vesting of an equity award.

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- (2) The sale reported in this Form 4 was made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.
- (3) Common Stock held under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"). This information is based on a 401(k) Plan report dated March 9, 2016.
- (4) The reporting person was appointed trustee of the Joseph Schlonsky 2007 Trust (the "Trust") on September 30, 2012. The reporting person's sibling is the sole beneficiary of the Trust.

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