## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Pappas John                               |   |  |  |        |                                    |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Chefs' Warehouse, Inc. [ CHEF ] |        |                                    |        |  |                 |                                   |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner                                      |  |                                 |  |   |  |
|---|---|--|--|--------|------------------------------------|---|--|--------|------------------------------------|--------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 EAST RIDGE ROAD   |   |  |  |        |                                    | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/07/2019 |  |        |                                    |        |  |                 |                                   | X                                      | Officer (give title below)  Vice Chairman  |  |                                 |  | · I   |  |
| (Street) RIDGEFIELD CT 06877  (City) (State) (Zip)                                  |   |  |  |        | 4. 1                               | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |  |        |                                    |        |  |                 |                                   | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X                 | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |                                 |  |   |  |
| (City)  | (5  |  | (Zip)  | n Dori | vativ                              | 0.50  | ourit  | ioc Ao | auirod                             | Die    | sposod o   | of or Po        | nofici                            | ially                                  | Ownod  |  |                                 |  |   |  |
| Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  |  |        | action                             | 2.<br>Ear) if   | A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year)                                       |        | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (             | ction  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                 |                                   | 5. Amou<br>and 5) Securiti<br>Benefici |  | nt of<br>es<br>ally<br>Following   | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|   |   |  |  |        |                                    |   |  |        | Code                               | v      | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                             |  | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |                                 |  | Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock 10/07/2  |   |  |  |        |                                    | 019   |  |        | M <sup>(1)</sup>                   |        | 44,757   | A               | \$20                              | ).23                                   | 1,35   | 9,358  | D                               |  |   |  |
| Common Stock 10/07/2  |   |  |  |        | 7/2019                             |   |  |        | S <sup>(1)</sup>                   |        | 43,122   | D               | \$36.                             | .58(2)                                 | 1,31   | 6,236  | D                               |  |   |  |
| Common Stock 10/07/2  |   |  |  |        | 7/2019                             | 2019  |  |        | S <sup>(1)</sup>                   |        | 1,635  | D               | \$37.                             | 7.43 <sup>(3)</sup> 1,31               |  | 4,601  |                                 | D  |   |  |
|   |   | -  | Table II ·                                   |        |                                    |   |  |        |                                    |        | osed of,<br>converti                                       |                 |                                   |  | wned   |  |                                 |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                 | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,  | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code (Ins<br>8) |   | on of  |        | 6. Date E<br>Expiratio<br>(Month/E | on Dat |  |                 | ies<br>g<br>Securi                | D                                      | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly                              | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)               |  |
|   |   |  |  |        | Code                               | v   | (A)  | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisa                   |        | Expiration<br>Date   | Title           | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er                                     |  |  |                                 |  |   |  |
| Price-<br>Based<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to                                    | \$20.23   | 10/07/2019                                 |  |        | M <sup>(1)</sup>                   |   |  | 44,757 | (4)                                |        | 03/07/2026   | Common<br>Stock | 44,75                             | 57                                     | \$0  | 0  |                                 | D  |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The exercise of this price-based stock option and the sale of shares received pursuant thereto were executed pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan put in place by the Reporting Person on 09/06/2019.
- 2. Represents the weighted average sales price of the shares sold ranging from a low of \$36.12 to a high of \$37.03 per share. The Reporting Person undertakes, upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- 3. Represents the weighted average sales price of the shares sold ranging from a low of \$37.22 to a high of \$37.70 per share. The Reporting Person undertakes, upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- 4. Price-based stock options were eligible for vesting upon the issuer's achievement of a \$30 stock price hurdle (based on 20-consecutive trading day average) on or before the fourth anniversary of the grant date (03/07/2016); in addition, price-based stock options were not exercisable before the third anniversary of the grant date and were subject to the terms of the Reporting Person's non-qualified stock option agreement.

/s/ Alexandros Aldous, Attorney-in-Fact for John

10/09/2019

**Pappas** 

\*\* 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).
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