

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC  
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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 \*  
ALBER LAURA

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 VAN NESS AVENUE  
(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/18/2017

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)  
PRESIDENT & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/21/2017                           |  | G                              | V   | 4,000   | D  | \$ 0 303,658  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 04/18/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 20,522  | A  | \$ 0 324,180  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 04/18/2017                           |  | F                              |   | 10,709<br>(1)   | D  | \$ 54.12 313,471  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 16,338  | A  | \$ 0 329,809  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2017                           |  | F                              |   | 8,526<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 54.4 321,283   | D |



## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Represents the number of shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units to cover tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Represents the number of shares held by the reporting person in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. Stock Fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated April 19, 2017.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WSM common stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal installments on each anniversary of the grant date in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. Vesting of these units is subject to a performance metric.
- (5) The restricted stock units are cancelled upon vesting and delivery of shares of WSM common stock.
- (6) The restricted stock units vest in four equal installments on each anniversary of the grant date in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. Vesting of these units is subject to a performance metric.

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