

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
July 01, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: **June 27, 2013**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**THE KROGER CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**An Ohio Corporation**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**No. 1-303**  
(Commission File Number)

**31-0345740**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1014 Vine Street**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45201**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Registrant's telephone number: **(513) 762-4000**

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Section 5 Corporate Governance and ManagementItem 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

(a) June 27, 2013 Annual Meeting

(b) The shareholders elected fourteen directors to serve until the annual meeting in 2014, or until their successors have been elected and qualified; approved executive compensation on an advisory basis; and ratified the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent public accounting firm for the year 2013. The shareholders defeated a shareholder proposal to recommend a report assessing human rights risks, a shareholder proposal recommending a policy that the Board's chairman be an independent director, and a shareholder proposal regarding extended producer responsibility for post-consumer package recycling. The final results are as follows:

| To Serve Until 2014 | For         | Against    | Abstain   | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Reuben V. Anderson  | 402,253,712 | 8,297,227  | 1,871,891 | 34,880,003       |
| Robert D. Beyer     | 401,629,291 | 8,775,509  | 2,018,030 | 34,880,003       |
| David B. Dillon     | 393,208,207 | 12,539,614 | 6,675,009 | 34,880,003       |
| Susan J. Kropf      | 406,772,093 | 3,637,019  | 2,013,718 | 34,880,003       |
| John T. LaMacchia   | 402,053,014 | 8,289,550  | 2,080,266 | 34,880,003       |
| David B. Lewis      | 404,912,118 | 5,427,802  | 2,082,910 | 34,880,003       |
| W. Rodney McMullen  | 403,695,399 | 6,977,166  | 1,750,265 | 34,880,003       |
| Jorge P. Montoya    | 408,139,020 | 2,131,651  | 2,152,159 | 34,880,003       |
| Clyde R. Moore      | 401,438,717 | 8,905,963  | 2,078,150 | 34,880,003       |
| Susan M. Phillips   | 408,135,126 | 2,302,510  | 1,985,194 | 34,880,003       |
| Steven R. Rogel     | 401,123,707 | 9,144,996  | 2,154,127 | 34,880,003       |
| James A. Runde      | 408,248,246 | 2,117,170  | 2,057,414 | 34,880,003       |
| Ronald L. Sargent   | 395,218,515 | 15,056,150 | 2,148,165 | 34,880,003       |
| Bobby S. Shackouls  | 396,827,429 | 13,475,624 | 2,119,777 | 34,880,003       |

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|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| Advisory vote approving executive compensation  | 398,334,922 | 11,563,863  | 2,524,045  | 34,880,003          |
|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    |                     |
| Approve PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors for 2013   | 439,161,641 | 6,781,989   | 1,359,203  |                     |
|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
| Shareholder proposal (regarding publishing a report assessing human rights risks)                     | 47,999,340  | 293,951,989 | 70,471,501 | 34,880,003          |
|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
| Shareholder proposal (recommending a policy that the Board's chairman be an independent director)     | 88,216,243  | 322,254,119 | 1,952,468  | 34,880,003          |
|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
| Shareholder proposal (regarding extended producer responsibility for post-consumer package recycling) | 43,821,543  | 306,477,702 | 62,123,585 | 34,880,003          |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

July 1, 2013

By:

/s/ Paul Heldman  
Paul Heldman  
Executive Vice President, Secretary  
General Counsel