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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Swaroop Bhagwat

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]

(Check all applicable)

EVP & GM, Protection

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892

(First)

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

03/19/2018

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify below)

ROSS DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

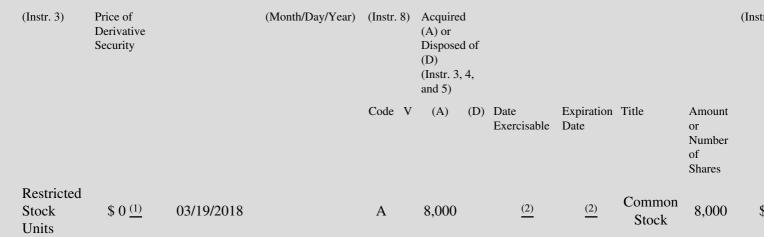
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Swaroop Bhagwat

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. EVP & GM, 892 ROSS DRIVE Protection SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

Signatures

/s/ Bhagwat Swaroop by Michael Yang,
Attorney-In-Fact
03/21/2018

**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) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.
- (2) The RSUs will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2019 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

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