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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Buss Brad W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Tesla, Inc. [TSLA]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check all applicable)

C/O TESLA, INC., 3500 DEER

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2017

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

CREEK ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(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)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (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)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

2. Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amour **Underlying Securit** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 342.52	07/24/2017		A	6,000	<u>(1)</u>	07/24/2024	Common Stock	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 342.52	07/24/2017		A	9,000	<u>(1)</u>	07/24/2024	Common Stock	9,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 342.52	07/24/2017		A	12,000	<u>(1)</u>	07/24/2024	Common Stock	12,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Buss Brad W							
C/O TESLA, INC.	X						
3500 DEER CREEK ROAD	Λ						
PALO ALTO, CA 94304							

Signatures

By: Jonathan Chang, Power of Attorney For: Brad 07/26/2017 Buss **Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- 1/36th of the shares granted shall become vested and exercisable as of each monthly anniversary from July 24, 2017, such that all shares subject to the Option shall be fully vested and exercisable by July 24, 2020. Pursuant to the issuer's Outside Director Compensation Policy, these equity awards were granted to the reporting person in connection with his commencement of service on the committees of the issuer's Board of Directors.

Date

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