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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Nelson William R Issuer Symbol REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/ (Check all applicable) [RBCAA] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 601 W MARKET ST 03/30/2018 President, RPG (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 LOUISVILLE, KY 40202 Person

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		4. Securiton(A) or Di		•	Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3,	4 and 5	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
C1 A			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(msu. 5 und 1)		
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2018		A	3,000	A	\$ 38.3	11,440	D	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	•	e	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.47					04/24/2019	04/24/2020	Class A Common Stock	2,750
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Traine / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nelson William R 601 W MARKET ST LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

President, RPG

Signatures

/s/ William R.

Nelson 04/02/2018

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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