KROGER CO Form 8-K June 26, 2015

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 25, 2015

(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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• Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

(a)

June 25, 2015 Annual Meeting

(b) The shareholders elected eleven directors to serve until the annual meeting in 2016, 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 2015. The shareholders defeated a shareholder proposal to recommend a report assessing human rights risks, a shareholder proposal regarding a report on post-consumer package recycling of private label brands, and a shareholder proposal regarding elimination of antibiotic use in the production of private label brand meats. The final results are as follows:

To Serve Until 2016

| | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | BROKER NON-VOTE |
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| Nora A. Aufreiter | 373,222,205 | 2,395,653 | 1,916,577 | 44,678,114 |
| Robert D. Beyer | 367,792,080 | 7,952,018 | 1,790,331 | 44,678,114 |
| Susan J. Kropf | 373,447,252 | 2,323,765 | 1,713,418 | 44,678,114 |
| David B. Lewis | 370,667,947 | 5,003,919 | 1,862,569 | 44,678,114 |
| W. Rodney McMullen | 356,418,144 | 16,452,105 | 4,664,186 | 44,678,114 |
| Jorge P. Montoya | 373,409,247 | 2,568,849 | 1,556,339 | 44,678,114 |
| Clyde R. Moore | 370,482,319 | 5,489,748 | 1,562,368 | 44,678,114 |
| Susan M. Phillips | 371,033,351 | 4,957,640 | 1,543,444 | 44,678,114 |
| James A. Runde | 373,630,003 | 2,406,013 | 1,498,419 | 44,678,114 |
| Ronald L. Sargent | 364,175,294 | 11,599,216 | 1,759,925 | 44,678,114 |
| Bobby S. Shackouls | 369,767,786 | 5,976,836 | 1,789,813 | 44,678,114 |

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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.

June 26, 2015

By:

/s/ Christine Wheatley Christine Wheatley Group Vice President, Secretary General Counsel

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