Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.

Common 03/31/2015

Stock, par

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| subject<br>Section<br>Form 4                          | F CHA   | F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF<br>SECURITIES |                |                            |  |  |                   | verage<br>s per<br>0.5   |  |   |  |  |
| Form 5 obligati may con See Inst 1(b).                | ons Section 17  | (a) of the   | Public U       | Jtility Ho                 |  | npany  | Act of 19         | Act of 1934,<br>935 or Section   |  |   |  |  |
| (Print or Type  | Responses)  |  |                |                            |  |  |                   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Sanders James Douglas S                               |   |  |                |                            | nd Ticker or                               |  | Is                | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |   |  |  |
| <i>a</i>  | (First)   | (Middle)   | _              |                            | s Market,                                  | inc. [   | SFWIJ             | (Check   | neck all applicable)                                     |   |  |  |
| (Last) 5455 EAS                                       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>03/31/2015 |  |                |                            |  | X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  President and CEO |                   |  |  |   |  |  |
| PHOENIX   | (Street)  |  |                | nendment, I<br>onth/Day/Ye | Oate Origina<br>ar)                        | 1  | A <sub>J</sub>    | Individual or Joi oplicable Line)  _ Form filed by Mo rson   | ne Reporting Per   | rson  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)   | (Zip)  | Tal            | ole I - Non                | .Derivative                                | Secur  |                   | ed, Disposed of,   | or Reneficiall   | v Owned   |  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                  | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                           | 2A. Deem   | ed<br>Date, if | 3.                         | 4. Securities of Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4) | es Acq<br>of (D)   | uired (A) or      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.001<br>per share | 03/31/2015  |  |                | M                          | 229,008                                    |  |                   | 262,004  | D  |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.001<br>per share | 03/31/2015  |  |                | S <u>(1)</u>               | 202,480                                    | D  | \$ 34.9561<br>(2) | 59,524   | D  |   |  |  |

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26,528

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\$ 35.444 32,996

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| value<br>\$0.001<br>per share                         |            |              |       |   |                   |            |   |
|---|------------|--------------|-------|---|-------------------|------------|---|
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.001<br>per share | 04/01/2015 | M            | 7,658 | A | \$ 3.3255         | 40,654     | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.001<br>per share | 04/01/2015 | S <u>(1)</u> | 7,658 | D | \$ 34.9389<br>(4) | 32,996 (5) | 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)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     | ate                | 7. Title and 2<br>Underlying S<br>(Instr. 3 and       | Securities                       |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 3.3255   | 03/31/2015                           |   | M                                      | 229,008   | <u>(6)</u>          | 05/02/2018         | Common<br>stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.001<br>per share | 229,008                          |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 3.3255   | 04/01/2015                           |   | M                                      | 7,658   | <u>(6)</u>          | 05/02/2018         | Common<br>stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.001<br>per share | 7,658                            |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |

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Sanders James Douglas 5455 EAST HIGH STREET SUITE 111 PHOENIX, AZ 85054

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President and CEO

## **Signatures**

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for James Douglas Sanders

04/01/2015

\*\*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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$34.38 to \$35.375 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$35.38 to \$35.51 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$34.62 to \$35.11 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- Consists of 22,638 shares of common stock and 10,358 restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. These restricted stock units will vest over three years, with one-third vested on March 4, 2015; one-third vesting on March 4, 2016; and the remaining one-third vesting on March 4, 2017, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.
- (6) All such options are presently exercisable; excludes an additional 442,969 outstanding options held by the reporting person at various strike prices.

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