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## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ells Steve			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC [CMG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1401 WYNK 500	1 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2012	_X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DENVER, CO 80202				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) onor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or			Beneficially Form: Owned Direct ( Following or Indirect Reported (I)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial O) Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Insure und 1)		
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M(1)	50,000	A	\$ 53.36	296,802	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		D(1)	6,936	D	\$ 384.7	289,866	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S(1)	3,064	D	\$ 380.15	286,802	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	6,000	D	\$ 381.2 (2)	280,802	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	15,346	D	\$ 382.59	265,456	D	

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					(3)		
Common Stock	02/21/2012	S <u>(1)</u>	15,325	D	\$ 383.54 (4)	250,131	D
Common Stock	02/21/2012	S(1)	3,329	D	\$ 384.3 (5)	246,802	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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	onDeriva Securi Acqui	ties red (A) posed of 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Seci
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N Sl
2009 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 53.36	02/17/2012		M(1)	:	50,000	02/17/2012	02/17/2016	Common Stock	4
2010 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 103.79						02/16/2012(6)	02/16/2017	Common Stock	1
2011 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 268.73						02/11/2013(7)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	
2012 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 371.63						02/06/2014(8)	02/06/2019	Common Stock	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ells Steve 1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80202	X		Chairman & Co-CEO			

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Michael McGawn, as attorney-in-fact

02/21/2012

\*\*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) These stock appreciation rights exercises and sales were executed under the terms of a Sales Plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$381.00 to \$381.95 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$382.09 to \$383.05 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$383.14 to \$384.11 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$384.28 to \$384.31 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (6) 75,000 of the 2010 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/16/2013.
- (7) 37,500 of the 2011 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/11/2014.
- (8) 37,500 of the 2012 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/06/2015.

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