#### FLOWERS FOODS INC

Form 4

February 27, 2017

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALEXANDER BRAD K			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
405 MEANDER TRACE			(Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2017	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP & Chief Operating Officer			
(Street) THOMASVILLE, GA 31792			4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing				
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		. 1 D. 1 C D C. 11 O			

	(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)  Code V	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		Price	Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	` '	
	Common Stock	02/23/2017		A	15,077 (1)	A	\$ 0	245,912	D	
	Common Stock							851.02	I	By 401(k)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	3
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (Right to Buy) (3)	\$ 10.87					02/10/2014	02/10/2018	Common Stock	110,362	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ALEXANDER BRAD K 405 MEANDER TRACE THOMASVILLE, GA 31792

**EVP & Chief Operating Officer** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ Stephen R. Avera, Agent 02/27/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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) Vesting of contingent performance share units granted under the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person under Issuer's 401(k) Plan, based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2016.
- (3) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.

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