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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre PEREZ ROB | ss of Reporting Perso | n* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZAFGEN, INC. ZFGN | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| PEREZ ROE | <u>ERI J</u> | | | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ZAFGEN, INC., | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2018 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| 175 PORTLAND STREET, 4TH FLOOR | | | | | | | | | |
| , | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | ecution Date, ny Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Securities Beneficially | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (|

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$5.18 | 01/03/2018 | | A | | 9,421 | | (1) | 01/03/2028 | Common Stock | 9,421 | \$0.00 | 9,421 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock option was issued in lieu of cash fees under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy pursuant to a Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement and shall vest over a period of one year starting January 1, 2018 on a quarterly basis in arrears.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Laurie Burlingame,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact</u>

01/05/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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