Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* TANZ STUART A						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP [ROIC]									. Relationship of Reportin Check all applicable) X Director			10% C)wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2017											fficer (give t elow) Chief E		Other below) ive Officer	(specify
8905 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE 108 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92122 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) X F	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Execution Dat			3. Transaction Code (Ins						d 5) Se Be Ov	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		i. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or D)	Price	Tra	nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4)			(111501.4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 01/01/2					2017	2017			A		25,000 ⁽	1)	A	\$	0	1,199,734		D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 01/01/2					2017				A		22,767	2)	A	\$	0	1,222,501		D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 01/01/2					2017				F		21,357(3)		D	\$21	.13	1,201,144		D	
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)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date, ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			n Date, ay/Year) -	4. Transa Code (8)		str. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Date Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Number of Title Shares		ount nber	8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5)	re derivati	ve es ally ng d tion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. On February 21, 2014, the reporting person was granted 75,000 shares of restricted Common Stock that were issued pursuant to the Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest as to 25,000 shares on January 1, 2015, 25,000 shares on January 1, 2016 and 25,000 shares on January 1, 2017 based on the Issuer's achievement of certain performance criteria for each of the 12 months ending December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The performance criteria for 2016 were met, resulting in vesting of 25,000 shares. This report is being filed to reflect the vesting of these shares.
- 2. On February 24, 2015, the reporting person was granted 68,300 shares of restricted Common Stock that were issued pursuant to the Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest as to 22,767 shares on January 1, 2016, 22,767 shares on January 1, 2016, 22,767 shares on January 1, 2016 and 2017. The performance criteria for each of the 12 months ending December 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017. The performance criteria for 2016 were met, resulting in vesting of 22,767 shares. This report is being filed to reflect the vesting of these shares.
- 3. Consists of shares of Common Stock withheld by the Issuer in order to satisfy the tax withholding obligation of the reporting person in connection with shares of restricted Common Stock that vested.

/s/ Stuart A. Tanz

01/04/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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