WAY JOHN Form 4 September 26, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WAY JOHN			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE		RIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 09/24/2018	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer		
	(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		
MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secı	ırities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/24/2018		M(1)	5,000	A	\$ 67.15	30,503	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2018		M(1)	3,000	A	\$ 57.88	33,503	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2018		S(2)	3,356	D	\$ 157.6593	30,147	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2018		S(2)	4,644	D	\$ 160.1403 (4)	25,503	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ive Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 67.15	09/24/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	5,000	<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2025	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.88	09/24/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	3,000	<u>(6)</u>	02/08/2026	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

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

WAY JOHN

5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE Chief Financial Officer

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Signatures

/s/ W. Morgan Burns, Attorney-in-Fact 09/26/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Stock option exercise effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 23, 2018. The transactions reported on this Form 4 conclude the transactions contemplated by the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Sale effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 23, 2018. The transactions reported on this Form 4 conclude the transactions contemplated by the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- Reflects the weighted average price of 3,356 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person on September 24, 2018 with sale prices ranging from \$157.50 to \$158.15 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects the weighted average price of 4,444 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person on September 24, 2018 with sale prices ranging from \$160.00 to \$160.30 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S.
- Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (5) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on February 13, 2016.
- (6) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on February 13, 2017.

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