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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bales Brian A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.</u> <u>5353 E. CITY NORTH DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>PHOENIX</u> <u>AZ</u> <u>85054</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.</u> [<u>RSG</u>]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Chief Development Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/18/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>02/18/2026</u>		<u>M</u>		<u>9.56</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>A</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>9.56</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>02/18/2026</u>		<u>F</u>		<u>9.56</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>D</u>	<u>\$216.84</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number 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 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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>02/18/2026</u>		<u>M</u>		<u>9.56</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>9.56</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>1,229.43</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Reporting Person previously elected to defer the Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") granted on 02/18/2025 in accordance with the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). On 02/18/2026, 25% of the grant vested and 309.24 RSUs (including accrued dividend equivalents) remain deferred. As permitted under the Plan, the Company withheld 9.56 shares of Republic Services, Inc. common stock to satisfy tax liability of the Reporting Person. The fair market value of the exchanged shares was \$216.84 (the closing price of Republic Services, Inc.'s common stock on 02/18/2026).

2. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the contingent right to one share of common stock of Republic Services, Inc.

Remarks:

/s/ Lauren McKeon, Attorney-in-Fact 02/20/2026

** 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).

** 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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