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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

Long Richard Kent Issuer Symbol GEO GROUP INC [GEO] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title 621 NW 53RD STREET, SUITE 700 04/24/2018 Other (specify below) below) **SVP-Project Development**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Restricted 30,000 04/24/2018 A A \$0 30,000 D (1) Stock

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)

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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)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Long Richard Kent 621 NW 53RD STREET SUITE 700 BOCA RATON, FL 33487

SVP-Project Development

Signatures

/s/John J. Bulfin, as Attorney-in-Fact for Richard Kent Long

04/26/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Vesting of this grant of restricted stock of GEO is contingent upon the achievement by GEO of certain performance-based metrics during the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 as certified by the compensation committee. Under the terms of the restricted

(1) stock grant, these shares will vest on March 10, 2021 to the extent the performance goals are achieved. Of the grant of restricted stock, 50% is subject to vesting based on GEO's total shareholder return over a three-year period and 50% is subject to vesting based on certain return on capital employed performance goals being met.

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