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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALIAS PATRICK (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE VISION DRIVE (Street) NATICK, MA 01760 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COGNEX CORP [CGNX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">2/20/2018</p> | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 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 of Derivative Security: 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 | | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$56.44 | 2/20/2018 | | A | | 17500 | | 2/20/2019 | 2/20/2028 | Common Stock | 17500 | \$0.0 | 17500 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$1.875 | | | | | | | 12/16/1997 | 12/14/2008 | Common Stock | 1600000 | | 1600000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.9298 | | | | | | | 4/21/2000 | 6/3/2008 | Common Stock | 600000 | | 600000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$4.0 | | | | | | | 12/15/1999 | 12/15/2008 | Common Stock | 48000 | | 48000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$4.675 | | | | | | | 2/19/2009 | 2/19/2018 | Common Stock | 13500 | | 13500 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$6.255 | | | | | | | 1/1/2006 | 1/10/2015 | Common Stock | 30000 | | 30000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$7.2385 | | | | | | | 4/27/2003 | 4/27/2014 | Common Stock | 121600 | | 121600 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$7.345 | | | | | | | (U) | 1/30/2016 | Common Stock | 30000 | | 30000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$8.2438 | | | | | | | 1/1/2005 | 4/22/2014 | Common Stock | 13332 | | 13332 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$10.5275 | | | | | | | 2/13/2014 | 2/13/2023 | Common Stock | 30000 | | 30000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$16.72 | | | | | | | 2/12/2017 | 2/12/2026 | Common Stock | 35000 | | 35000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$19.655 | | | | | | | 2/18/2015 | 2/18/2024 | Common Stock | 35000 | | 35000 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$20.625 | | | | | | | 2/17/2016 | 2/17/2025 | Common Stock | 35000 | | 35000 | D | |

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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$38.39 | | | | | | | 2/21/2018 | 2/21/2027 | Common Stock | 35000 | | 35000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) This option vests in four equal annual installments commencing on January 1, 2007.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALIAS PATRICK ONE VISION DRIVE NATICK, MA 01760 | X | | | |

Signatures

Patrick Alias

2/22/2018

**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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