

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
November 19, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: **November 19, 2013**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**THE KROGER CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**An Ohio Corporation**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**No. 1-303**  
(Commission File Number)

**31-0345740**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1014 Vine Street**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45201**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Registrant's telephone number: **(513) 762-4000**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On November 19, 2013, The Kroger Co. announced that Paul W. Heldman, 62, the company's Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary has informed the company of his intention to retire in the spring of 2014.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release regarding general counsel succession plan, furnished herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

November 19, 2013

By:

/s/ David B. Dillon  
David B. Dillon  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
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