KROGER CO Form 8-K June 26, 2012

# **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: June 21, 2012

(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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#### Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

#### Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

#### (a) June 21, 2012 Annual Meeting

(b) The shareholders elected fourteen directors to serve until the annual meeting in 2013, or until their successors have been elected and qualified; approved executive compensation on an advisory basis; and ratified the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company s independent public accounting firm for the year 2012. The shareholders defeated a shareholder proposal to recommend a revision to Kroger s Code of Conduct and a shareholder proposal regarding extended producer responsibility for post-consumer package recycling. The final results are as follows:

| To Serve Until 2013 | For         | Against    | Abstain   | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Reuben V. Anderson  | 429,088,214 | 10,030,105 | 1,635,336 | 41,104,281          |
| Robert D. Beyer     | 428,235,532 | 10,907,163 | 1,610,960 | 41,104,281          |
| David B. Dillon     | 422,268,984 | 16,685,330 | 1,799,341 | 41,104,281          |
| Susan J. Kropf      | 433,273,344 | 5,920,409  | 1,559,902 | 41,104,281          |
| John T. LaMacchia   | 428,318,048 | 10,814,237 | 1,621,370 | 41,104,281          |
| David B. Lewis      | 433,875,754 | 5,265,046  | 1,612,855 | 41,104,281          |
| W. Rodney McMullen  | 430,572,063 | 8,563,447  | 1,618,145 | 41,104,281          |
| Jorge P. Montoya    | 434,484,038 | 4,673,410  | 1,596,206 | 41,104,281          |
| Clyde R. Moore      | 429,348,795 | 9,905,191  | 1,499,669 | 41,104,281          |
| Susan M. Phillips   | 434,505,850 | 4,643,103  | 1,604,702 | 41,104,281          |
| Steven R. Rogel     | 428,014,348 | 11,159,327 | 1,579,980 | 41,104,281          |
| James A. Runde      | 433,814,284 | 5,291,573  | 1,647,798 | 41,104,281          |
| Ronald L. Sargent   | 417,101,131 | 22,083,048 | 1,569,476 | 41,104,281          |
| Bobby S. Shackouls  | 429,497,662 | 9,694,834  | 1,561,159 | 41,104,281          |

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|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| Advisory vote approving executive compensation          | 420,234,082 | 18,983,256  | 1,536,317  | 41,104,281          |
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|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    |                     |
| Approve PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors for 2012 | 473,244,707 | 7,346,266   | 1,266,963  |                     |
|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
| Shareholder proposal (recommending revision to Kroger s |             |             |            |                     |
| Code of Conduct)  | 56,317,935  | 342,920,234 | 41,515,486 | 41,104,281          |
|   | For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
| Shareholder proposal (regarding extended producer       |             |             |            |                     |
| responsibility for post-consumer package recycling)     | 50,552,296  | 343,299,095 | 46,902,264 | 41,104,281          |
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#### **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.

June 26, 2012

By:

/s/ Paul Heldman Paul Heldman Executive Vice President, Secretary General Counsel

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