

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 14, 2021**

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**Del Taco Restaurants, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-36197**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**46-3340980**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**25521 Commercentre Drive  
Lake Forest, California 92630**  
(Address of Principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

**(949) 462-9300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 Par Value	TACO	The Nasdaq Stock Market

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

On July 14, 2021, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Del Taco Restaurants, Inc. (the "Company") elected Karen L. Luey as a new director of the Company, effective immediately. She will serve as a Class II director with a term expiring at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Ms. Luey has also been appointed to the Audit Committee of the Board, replacing R.J. Melman who is stepping down from the Audit Committee.

In accordance with the Company's director compensation policy, Ms. Luey was granted 6,484 shares of restricted stock and will receive \$62,500, payable quarterly, as her base compensation, as well as \$12,500 annually as a member of the Audit Committee and \$1,500 per Board meeting.

Ms. Luey has served as the Chief Financial Officer of The Mina Group, a privately held fine dining restaurant and hospitality company, since April 2018. Prior to that, Ms. Luey served as the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer from August 2008 to March 2017 and Principal Accounting Officer from April 2007 to August 2008 for Jamba, Inc. From 2005 to 2007, Ms. Luey was Vice President, Corporate Controller, and Principal Accounting Officer of LeapFrog Enterprises. Ms. Luey earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from California State University, East Bay.

There are no transactions between Ms. Luey and the Company that would be reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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SIGNATURE

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

**DEL TACO RESTAURANTS, INC.**

By: /s/ Steven L. Brake  
Name: Steven L. Brake  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 16, 2021