

Jones David A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Jones David A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3003 TASMAN DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Credit Officer

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/01/2012	05/01/2012	S	10,000	D \$ 64.1025	94,140	D

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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 64.37	05/01/2012	05/01/2012	A	11,900	05/01/2013 ⁽¹⁾ 05/01/2019	Common Stock
Performance Based Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/01/2012	05/01/2012	A	5,550	12/20/2014 ⁽³⁾ 12/20/2014	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/01/2012	05/01/2012	A	2,200	05/01/2013 ⁽²⁾ 05/01/2016	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jones David A 3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

Lisa Bertolet as attorney
in fact
05/03/2012

**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).
- (1) Stock Options vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.

The reporting person was granted performance-based restricted stock units which are subject to performance and time-based vesting (PRSU's). The extent to which the PRSU awards are earned will be based on the Company's 2012 performance, as determined pursuant to the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The reported number of shares is the maximum number of shares that may be earned by the reporting person, based on achievement of 150% of target performance. The PRSU's are effective as of 5/1/2012, and the extent deemed earned at the end of the 2012 performance period, will vest on 12/20/2014, subject to continued service.

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