

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
BARR JOSEPH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [PROV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/07/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

RIVERSIDE, CA 92506
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase	\$ 7.03	08/07/2008	A	9,000					08/07/2011	08/07/2018	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARR JOSEPH 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506		X		

Signatures

/s/Joseph P. Barr 08/08/2008
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Mr. Barr has previously been granted 60,800 options to acquire 60,800 shares of Provident's common stock under Provident's 1996 Stock Option Plan, 2003 Stock Option Plan and 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. Those grants vest ratably over a five-year period and expire in ten years. The activity described in this Form 4 reflects that Mr. Barr has been granted 9,000 options to acquire 9,000 shares of Provident's common stock under Provident's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. The entire grant vests on August 7, 2011 and expires in ten years.

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