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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] Vitale Gabrielle (Month/Day/Year) 06/05/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 200 VESEY STREET, (Check all applicable) **AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Interim CRO and Pres, GRBC _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Grp Person **NEW** Form filed by More than One YORK, NYÂ 10285-5001 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership Form: (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 3,533.87 D Common Stock 1.242 $I^{(1)}$ by 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/29/2018(2)	04/29/2026	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 65.43	D	Â

Reporting Owners

	Relationships			
Reporting Owner Name / Address		10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vitale Gabrielle 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK Â NYÂ 10285-5001	Â	Â	Interim CRO and Pres, GRBC Grp	Â

Signatures

/s/ Kristina V. Fink,
attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.
- (2) These options became exercisable on April 29, 2018 based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the two year performance period.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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