

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC
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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 *
 Pinto John J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC [NYB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 615 MERRICK AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Accounting Officer

WESTBURY, NY 11590

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V 884 A \$ 0	27,400	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					41,203	D	
Common Stock					26,509	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					12,000	I	By Stock Award ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					20,000	I	By Stock Award II ⁽³⁾

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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 (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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5					12/21/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/21/2011	Common Stock	11,854
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.85					07/24/2003 ⁽⁵⁾ 07/24/2012	Common Stock	42,666
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.06					01/21/2004 ⁽⁶⁾ 01/21/2013	Common Stock	14,222
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.06					12/30/2005 ⁽⁷⁾ 01/21/2013	Common Stock	7,111
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5					09/16/2004 ⁽⁸⁾ 09/16/2013	Common Stock	24,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5					12/30/2005 ⁽⁷⁾ 09/16/2013	Common Stock	12,000
	\$ 18.17					12/30/2005 ⁽⁹⁾ 04/05/2015		20,000

Stock
Option
(right to
buy)

Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pinto John J 615 MERRICK AVENUE WESTBURY, NY 11590			EVP & Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

By: /s/ Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney 02/23/2009

__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) This form reflects an increase in beneficial ownership resulting from an exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
 - (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in two equal annual installments commencing on April 20, 2009.
 - (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on April 4, 2009.
 - (4) These options are fully vested and were exercisable as of December 21, 2004.
 - (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on July 24, 2003 and were fully vested and exercisable as of July 24, 2005.
 - (6) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on January 21, 2004 and were fully vested and are exercisable as of January 21, 2005.
 - (7) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan were fully exercisable as of December 30, 2005.
 - (8) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan are fully exercisable.
 - (9) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Richmond County Financial Corp. 1998 Stock Option Plan were fully exercisable as of December 30, 2005.

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