

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SIPES KEVIN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/  
[RBCAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
601 W MARKET STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Financial Officer

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012		M	4,410 A \$ 20.71	40,640	D	
Class A Common Stock					3,804.7184	I	by ESOP (1)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.71	03/13/2012		M	4,410	05/16/2011	05/15/2012	Class A Common Stock	4,410
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.87					12/08/2011	12/07/2012	Class A Common Stock	2,625
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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.89					11/19/2013	11/18/2014	Class A Common Stock	7,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.89					11/19/2014	11/18/2015	Class A Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIPES KEVIN D 601 W MARKET STREET			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin D.

03/13/2012

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\_\_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) Includes 78.5673 and 98.3914 shares of Class A Common Stock allocated to the reporting person under the ESOP as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, respectively, based on information provided by the plan administrator.

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