REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TRAGER SCOTT | | | 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) 601 WEST M | (Last) (First) (Middle) 01 WEST MARKET STREET | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2012 | _X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title below) below) Vice Chairman | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| LOUISVILLE | E, KY 40202 | 2 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | M | 4,410 | A | \$ 20.17 | 160,402.423 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | F | 2,561 | D | \$ 25.9 | 157,841.423 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 18,919.317 | I | By Teebank Family Limited Partnership |

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| Class A Common Stock | 1,980.552 | I | By Jaytee Properties Limited Partnership (2) |
|----------------------|---------------|---|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 19,658.72 (3) | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 51,697 | I | By Trager Family Irrevocable Trust (4) |
| Class A Common Stock | 2,171.0905 | I | By ESOP (5) |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D) | or osed of r. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Underlying S | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount of 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 | |
| Employee Stock | \$ 23.87 | | | | | | 12/08/2012 | 12/07/2013 | Class A Common | 2,625 | |

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| Option (right to buy) | | | | Stock | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 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 |
| Class B Common Stock | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | (8) | Class A Common Stock | 29,488 |
| Class B Common Stock | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | (8) | Class A Common Stock | 2,480.61 |
| Class B Common Stock | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(8)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 443.77 |
| Class B Common Stock | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(8)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 4,107 |
| Class B Common Stock | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | (8) | Class A Common Stock | 1,190 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| TRAGER SCOTT | | | | | | |
| 601 WEST MARKET STREET | X | X | Vice Chairman | | | |
| LOUISVILLE, KY 40202 | | | | | | |

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/s/ Scott Trager 03/14/2012

**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) Teebank Family Limited Partnership is a family limited partnership of which the reporting person is a limited partner.
- (2) Jaytee Properties Limited Partnership is a family limited partnership of which the reporting person is a limited partner.
- (3) Excludes 20,131.012 shares of Class A Common Stock transferred to the reporting person's ex-wife pursuant to a domestic relations order.
- (4) Trager Family Irrevocable Trust is a family trust of which the reporting person is a co-trustee and a beneficiary.
 - Includes 55.6468 shares of Class A Common Stock allocated to the reporting person under the ESOP as of December 31, 2011, based on
- (5) information provided by the plan administrator. Excludes 2,114 shares of Class A Common Stock transferred to the reporting person's ex-wife pursuant to a domestic relations order.
- (6) Conversion from Class B Common Stock to Class A Common Stock is on a share for share basis.
- (7) Immediate.
- (8) None.

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