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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Squeri Stephen J Issuer Symbol AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN 11/30/2018 below) **EXPRESS TOWER** Chairman and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001 Person

(City	y) (State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Commo Stock	on 11/30/2018		Code V G V	Amount 5,000	or (D) D	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4) 202,016.813	D	
Commo	on 01/26/2019		A(2)	68,312	A	\$ 100.77	270,328.813	D	
Commo Stock	on 01/26/2019		F(3)	32,533	D	\$ 100.77	237,795.813 (4)	D	
Commo	on						120.03 (5)	I	401(k) Trust

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)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	\$ 55.09	01/26/2019		A(6)	68,312	01/26/2019	01/26/2026	Common Stock	68,312

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Squeri Stephen J

200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER X Chairman and CEO NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

## **Signatures**

/s/ Tangela S. Richter, attorney-in-fact

01/29/2019

\*\*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) The reported disposition represents a bona fide charitable gift made by the reporting person.
- (2) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units that were granted to the reporting person in January 2016 and have vested based on the Company's 2016-18 return on average equity performance.
- (3) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) Includes shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.

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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.

(6) The reported acquisition represents the vesting of Stock Options that were granted to the reporting person in January 2016. These options became exercisable on January 26, 2019 based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the three year performance period.

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