

First California Financial Group, Inc.
 Form 4
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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 *
 ANTHONY THOMAS E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First California Financial Group, Inc.
 [FCAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST,
 SUITE 800
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/28/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Head Commercial Banking

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.27	05/28/2008						Common Stock	20,000	
			D ⁽¹⁾	20,000		⁽¹⁾	06/06/2015			
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9	05/28/2008						Common Stock	20,000	
			A ⁽¹⁾	20,000		⁽¹⁾	06/06/2015			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ANTHONY THOMAS E 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067			EVP & Head Commercial Banking	

Signatures

/s/ Romolo Santarosa, Attorney in Fact 05/29/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option (1) and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on June 6, 2007 and provides for vesting in five equal annual installments commencing on June 6, 2008.

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