

PORTER JAMES ROY  
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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 \*  
**PORTER JAMES ROY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**3003 TASMAN DRIVE**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/29/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**SANTA CLARA, CA 95054**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	07/29/2008		M	V	3,340	A	\$ 15.031	47,840	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2008		S		3,340	D	\$ 54.217	44,500	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2008		M		8,660	A	\$ 15.031	53,160	D	
Common Stock								7,913	I	By self restricted

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.032	07/29/2008		M	3,340	08/04/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 08/04/2008	Common Stock 3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.032	07/29/2008		M	8,660	08/04/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 08/04/2008	Common Stock 8

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PORTER JAMES ROY 3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054		X		

## Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: James R. Porter 07/30/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* 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 option vests in two equal installments. The first, subject to re-election to the Board of Directors in April, 1999. The second upon re-election to the Board of Directors in April, 2000.

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