

GALE RICHARD L
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FORM 4

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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 *
GALE RICHARD L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [PROV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3756 CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/20/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

RIVERSIDE, CA 92506

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 | 06/20/2011 | | A | 10,000 | A \$ 0 | 98,243 ⁽¹⁾ | D |

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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Purchase Common | \$ 7.43 | 06/20/2011 | | A | | 20,000 | 06/20/2013 06/20/2021 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GALE RICHARD L 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/Richard L. Gale
06/21/2011

**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 ownership of 98,243 shares includes the 10,000 share restricted stock award granted on June 20, 2011 from the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan with 5,000 shares vesting on June 20, 2013 and 5,000 shares vesting on June 20, 2015; the 7,000 share restricted stock award granted on August 7, 2008 from the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan which vests on August 7, 2011 and the 4,000 share restricted stock award granted on February 6, 2007 from the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan vesting over a five-year period in equal installments beginning on February 6, 2008; and, indirect ownership of 1,793 shares in Mr. Gale's 401(K) Plan; 40,810 shares in Mr. Gale's Employee Stock Ownership Plan account; and 485 shares by Mr. Gale's spouse.
- (2) Mr. Gale has been granted 20,000 options to acquire 20,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan. Fifty percent of the grant vests on June 20, 2013, fifty percent of the grant vests on June 20, 2015, and the entire grant expires in ten years. Previously, Mr. Gale has been granted 9,000 options to acquire 9,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, which vests on August 7, 2011 and expires in ten years. Additionally, Mr. Gale was previously granted 22,000 options to acquire 22,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 1996 Stock Option Plan, 2003 Stock Option Plan and 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. The options vest ratably over a five-year period and expire in ten years.

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