

LEVINE MICHAEL J  
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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 \*  
LEVINE MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC [NYB]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
615 MERRICK AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/26/2009

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

WESTBURY, NY 11590  
(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/26/2009		A		10,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					187,360	D	

By Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>

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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes rows for Code V, A, and D, and Date Exercisable and Expiration Date.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Entry: LEVINE MICHAEL J, 615 MERRICK AVENUE, WESTBURY, NY 11590, X.

Signatures

By: /s/ Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney, 01/28/2009. \*\*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) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on January 26, 2010.

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