

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
**FICALORA JOSEPH R**

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)  
**12/31/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President & CEO**

**WESTBURY, NY 11590**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	884	A	\$ 0	335,002	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	02/18/2009		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	13,314	A	\$ 10.83	589,999	I	By SERP
Common Stock	02/20/2009		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	8,581	A	\$ 9.76	343,583	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	02/20/2009		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	9,114	A	\$ 9.71	363,195	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock								2,237,967	D	

Common Stock	230,579	I	By Ficalora Family Foundation
Common Stock	30,000	I	By Stock Award <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	75,000	I	By Stock Award II <sup>(4)</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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5					12/21/2002 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/21/2011	Common Stock	150,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.41					07/24/2002 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/24/2012	Common Stock	1,262,511
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.85					07/24/2003 <sup>(7)</sup>	07/24/2012	Common Stock	266,667
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.06					01/21/2004 <sup>(8)</sup>	01/21/2013	Common Stock	248,888
Stock Option	\$ 16.06					12/30/2005 <sup>(9)</sup>	01/21/2013	Common Stock	124,445

(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FICALORA JOSEPH R 615 MERRICK AVENUE WESTBURY, NY 11590	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

By: /s/ Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney 02/23/2009

\_\_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) This form reflects an increase in beneficial ownership resulting from an exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) This form reflects an increase in beneficial ownership resulting from dividend reinvestment pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on April 20, 2009.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on April 4, 2009.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on December 21, 2002 and were fully vested and exercisable as of December 21, 2004.
- (6) Stock Options automatically granted pursuant to the reload feature of the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan that were exercisable on July 24, 2002.
- (7) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on July 24, 2003 and were fully vested and exercisable as of July 24, 2005.
- (8) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on January 21, 2004 and were fully vested and exercisable as of January 21, 2005.
- (9) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan were fully exercisable as of December 30, 2005.

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