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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 \*  
Parsons Joan

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3005 TASMAN DRIVE  
(Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/29/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Head of US Banking

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/29/2012	02/29/2012	M		1,250	A	\$ 31.29
Common Stock	02/29/2012	02/29/2012	M		2,500	A	\$ 22.5
Common Stock	02/29/2012	02/29/2012	M		1,075	A	\$ 43.49
Common Stock	02/29/2012	02/29/2012	S <sup>(1)</sup>		15,000	D	\$ 59.78
Common Stock	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	M		3,750	A	\$ 31.29

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Common Stock	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	M	7,500	A	\$ 22.5	54,988	D
Common Stock	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	M	2,425	A	\$ 43.49	57,413	D
Common Stock	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	S <sup>(2)</sup>	2,581	D	\$ 60.84	54,832	D
Common Stock	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	S <sup>(3)</sup>	2,002	D	\$ 60.8	52,830	D
Common Stock	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	S <sup>(4)</sup>	4,383	D	\$ 60.74	48,447	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)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 31.29	02/29/2012	02/29/2012	M		1,250		Common Stock	1,250
Stock Options	\$ 22.5	02/29/2012	02/29/2012	M		2,500		Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options	\$ 43.49	02/29/2012	02/29/2012	M		1,075		Common Stock	1,075
Stock Options	\$ 31.29	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	M		3,750		Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options	\$ 22.5	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	M		7,500		Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options	\$ 43.49	03/01/2012	03/01/2012	M		2,425		Common Stock	2,425

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Parsons Joan 3005 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Head of US Banking	

## Signatures

Lisa Bertolet as attorney  
in fact 03/02/2012

      \*\*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 reporting person sold a total of 15,000 shares. The sales were conducted in a series of separate transactions, with an average sale price per share of \$59.78 (between price ranges of \$59.61 to \$60.08). Complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sale price may be provided upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

(2) The reporting sold a total of 2,581 shares from the exercise of stock options expiring 4/17/2012. The sales were conducted in a series of separate transactions, with an average sale price per share of \$60.88 (between price ranges of \$60.83 to \$60.86). Complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sale price may be provided upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

(3) The reporting sold a total of 2,002 shares from the exercise of stock options expiring 4/1/2012. The sales were conducted in a series of separate transactions, with an average sale price per share of \$60.80 (between price ranges of \$60.78 to \$60.83). Complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sale price may be provided upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

(4) The reporting sold a total of 4,383 shares from the exercise of stock options expiring 9/4/2012. The sales were conducted in a series of separate transactions, with an average sale price per share of \$60.74 (between price ranges of \$60.70 to \$60.80). Complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sale price may be provided upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

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