

Ward Pierce Lynda
Form 4
May 24, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ward Pierce Lynda

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3003 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)

05/22/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Head of HR

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 52.72	05/22/2007	J ⁽¹⁾		4,250		05/22/2008	05/22/2014	Common Stock	4,250
Performance Shares	\$ 0	05/22/2007	J ⁽²⁾		2,475		12/03/2009	12/31/2009	Common Stock	2,475

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ward Pierce Lynda 3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Head of HR	

Signatures

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: Lynda Ward
Pierce

05/24/2007

____Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Stock options were granted to the reporting person. Vesting will occur annually from the date of grant over 4 years with 25% vesting each year.

The reporting person was granted restricted stock units (RSUs) which are subject to performance-based vesting. The RSUs are effective as of 5/22/07, and will fully vest on 12/3/09, subject to the level of return on average equity (ROE) achieved by the Company between 4/1/07 and 12/31/07 as follows: (i) none will vest if less than 90% of target is achieved; (ii) 50% will vest if 90% but less than 100% of

- (2) target is achieved; (iii) 100% will vest if 100% but less than 110% of target is achieved, and; and (iv) 150% of the award will vest if 110% or greater of target is achieved. The reported number of shares on this form is based on achievement of 110% or greater of target. Vesting is also subject to the Company meeting certain expense control targets. The Compensation Committee of the Company will have the discretion to adjust the performance targets to take into account any extraordinary items.

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