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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> dePasquale Caterina		 Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP [FFIC]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2010	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
1979 MARC	CUS						
AVENUE,Â	SUITE E1	40		(Check all applicable)			
LAKE SUC	(Street) CESS, N	YÂ 11042			v) (specify belov v) (specify belov vice President	ow)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1
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Reminder: Rep	ort on a separa	ate line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	ially	EC 1473 (7-02)	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	(2)	06/18/2017	Common Stock	400	\$ 16.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	(2)	06/16/2018	Common Stock	300	\$ 19.37	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	(2)	01/29/2019	Common Stock	300	\$ 8.44	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	(<u>3)</u>	Common Stock	11	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
dePasquale Caterina 1979 MARCUS AVENUE SUITE E140 LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â		
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Signatures Signed by Russell A. Fleishman Under Power of Attorney by Caterina

dePasquale	01/07/2010
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Shares held in the FSB 401(k) savings plan a/o 1/6/2010.
- (2) Grant of stock options which become exercisable in 5 equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Includes amounts credited to Ms. dePasquale's account through 12/31/2009. The vested account balance will be paid in a cash lump sum or in installments as elected by the reporting officer upon termination of employment (in accordance with IRS 409A).

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