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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 *
Cox L Kevin

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

01/28/2017

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)

Chief Human Resources Officer

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/28/2017 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | V | 11,554 \$ 76.85 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/28/2017 | | F ⁽²⁾ | D | 5,959 \$ 76.85 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 22,359 | I | By GRAT I |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,264 | I | By GRAT II |
| Common Stock | | | | | 52.63 ⁽³⁾ | I | by 401(k) Trust |

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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 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 86.64 | 01/28/2017 | | A ⁽⁴⁾ | 11,554 | 01/28/2017 | 01/28/2024 | Common Stock | 11,554 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Cox L Kevin 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001 | Chief Human Resources Officer |

Signatures

/s/ Carol V. Schwartz, attorney-in-fact 01/31/2017

__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) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units ("performance units") that were granted to the reporting person in January 2014 and have vested based on the Company's 2014-16 return on average equity performance.
- (2) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.

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- (4) The reported acquisition represents the vesting of Stock Options that were granted to the reporting person in January 2014. These options became exercisable on January 28, 2017 based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the three year performance period.

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