#### SVB FINANCIAL GROUP

Form 4

January 26, 2007

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue.

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(First)

Ward Pierce Lynda

3003 TASMAN DRIVE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

(Middle)

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/24/2007

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Head of HR

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

> \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Issuer

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities Code Security or Exercise any Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

|                          | Derivative<br>Security |            |             | (A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |     |       |                  |                    |                 |                                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|---|-----|-------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
|                          |                        |            | Code        | V   | (A) | (D)   | Date Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date |                 | Amoun<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit | \$ 0                   | 01/24/2007 | <u>J(1)</u> |   |     | 3,250 | 12/01/2007(2)    | 12/31/2007         | Common<br>Stock | 3,250                                 |

### **Reporting Owners**

Price of

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ward Pierce Lynda

3003 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Head of HR

## **Signatures**

(Instr. 3)

By: Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact For: Lynda Ward
Pierce 01/26/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The reporting person previously reported a grant of restricted stock units (RSUs) which were subject to performance-based vesting. The (1) RSUs were effective as of 5/2/06, and will fully vest on 12/1/07. Based on the level of return on average equity (ROE) achieved by the Company at December 31, 2006 the Compensation Committee of the Board confirmed the final award will total 1,625.

The reporting person was granted restricted stock units (RSUs) which are subject to performance-based vesting. The RSUs are effective as of 5/2/06, and will vest on 12/1/07, based on the level of return on average equity (ROE) achieved by the Company at December 31,

(2) 2006 as follows: (i) if less than 90% of target, none will vest; (ii) if 90% but less than 100% of target 1,625 will vest; (iii) if 100% but less than 110% of target 3,250 will vest; and (iv) if 110% or greater of target 4,875 will vest. Vesting is subject to adjustment by the Compensation Committee as approved to take into account extraordinary items that may impact the calculation of ROE.

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