

ODONOVAN JAMES J  
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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 \*  
 ODO NOVAN JAMES J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC [NYB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 615 MERRICK AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/18/2008

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

WESTBURY, NY 11590  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/18/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V 2,936 A \$ 14.29	170,746	I	By SERP
Common Stock					651,346	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock					259,738	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					5,318	I	By Custodian For Grandson
					84,749	I	By 401(k)

Common  
Stock

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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5					12/21/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/21/2011	Common Stock	177,777
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.41					07/24/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/24/2012	Common Stock	533,512
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.85					07/24/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 07/24/2012	Common Stock	266,667
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.06					01/21/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> 01/21/2013	Common Stock	248,888
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.06					12/30/2005 <sup>(7)</sup> 01/21/2013	Common Stock	124,445

