

LESTER HOWARD  
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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 \*  
**LESTER HOWARD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**3250 VAN NESS AVENUE**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/19/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**CHAIRMAN & CEO**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109**

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	11/19/2008		S		227,183	D	\$ 5.6148 (1)	D
Common Stock	11/20/2008		S		581,300	D	\$ 4.9914 (2)	D
Common Stock	11/21/2008		S		260,000	D	\$ 4.5746 (3)	D
Common Stock	11/20/2008		J	2	A	\$ 4.72	733 (4)	I by Managed



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- Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$4.39 to
- (3) \$4.91. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- The reporting person owns \$3,462.75 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a
- (4) statement dated November 20, 2008. The number of shares indirectly owned was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$4.72, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on November 20, 2008.

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