

Howard Kevin Joseph
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FORM 4

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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 *
Howard Kevin Joseph

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP
[SNV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
P.O. BOX 120
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and Chief Credit Officer

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		A		97,659 (1)	\$ 0	217,179 D

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)

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Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationship categories include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and Other. Example entry: Howard Kevin Joseph, EVP and Chief Credit Officer.

Signatures

/s/ Alana L. Griffin 03/16/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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These shares are subject to restricted stock units. The units fully vest upon the satisfaction of the following three conditions: (1) completion of three years of service, (2) repayment by Synovus of all or a portion of its obligations to the U.S. Treasury under TARP and (3) Synovus has two consecutive quarters of positive net income as determined under generally accepted accounting principles.

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