

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 GALE RICHARD L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [PROV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/07/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

RIVERSIDE, CA 92506  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01	08/07/2008		A	7,000 A	\$ 0 103,903 <sup>(1)</sup>	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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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
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 7.03	08/07/2008		A	9,000	08/07/2011 08/07/2018	Common Stock	9,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALE RICHARD L 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/Richard L. Gale 08/08/2008

\*\*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 ownership of 103,903 shares includes the 7,000 share restricted stock award granted on August 7, 2008 from the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan which vests on August 7, 2011 and the 4,000 share restricted stock award granted on February 6, 2007 from the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan vesting over a five-year period in equal installments beginning on February 6, 2008; and, indirect ownership of 1,793 shares in Mr. Gale's 401(K) Plan, 13,129 shares in Mr. Gale's Employee Stock Ownership Plan account, 485 shares by Mr. Gale's spouse, and 141 shares owned by Mr. Gale's dependent child.

Mr. Gale has previously been granted 22,000 options to acquire 22,000 shares of Provident's common stock under Provident's 1996 Stock Option Plan, 2003 Stock Option Plan and 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. Those grants vest ratably over a five-year period and expire in ten years. The activity described in this Form 4 reflects that Mr. Gale has been granted 9,000 options to acquire 9,000 shares of Provident's common stock under Provident's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. The entire grant vests on August 7, 2011 and expires in ten years.

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