

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
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# FORM 4

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Squeri Stephen J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

12/07/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice Chairman

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount					
Common Stock	12/07/2016		M		39,370	A	\$ 38.1	241,485.774	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		34,755	D	\$ 74.31 <sup>(2)</sup>	206,730.774 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								116.904 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	401(k) Trust

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.1	12/07/2016		M	39,370	01/26/2014	01/26/2020	Common Stock	39,370

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Squeri Stephen J  
200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER  
NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

Vice Chairman

## Signatures

/s/ Carol V. Schwartz,  
attorney-in-fact

12/09/2016

\_\_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 reported disposition represents the sale of shares to cover the cost of exercise and withholding tax obligations arising from the stock option exercise reported above and the sale of 50% of the net shares acquired from this exercise; the reporting person will retain the balance of the net shares in accordance with the Company's retention guidelines for executive officers.

(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$74.24 to \$74.35. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.

(2) The reporting person's end of period holdings reflect a prior transfer of shares pursuant to a domestic relations order, as well as shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.

(3)

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Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.

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