

Grasso Maria A  
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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 \*  
Grasso Maria A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP  
[FFIC]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1979 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE  
E140  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/30/2009

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

LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/30/2009                           | 01/30/2009   | A                              | 6,800   | A <u>1</u> 33,015   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,568 <u>(2)</u>  | I  | 401(k)                            |

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 Options (Right to Buy)      | \$ 8.44  | 01/30/2009                           | 01/30/2009   | A                              | 13,900  | <u>(3)</u> 01/29/2019                                    | Common Stock 13,900   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships                    |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Grasso Maria A<br>1979 MARCUS AVENUE<br>SUITE E140<br>LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042 | Executive Vice President         |

## Signatures

Signed by Russell A. Fleishman under Power of Attorney by Maria A. Grasso 02/03/2009

\*\*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).
- (1) Grant of restricted stock units payable in common stock upon vesting in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Shares held in FSB 401(k) Savings Plan a/o 1/16/09.
- (3) Grant of stock options which become exercisable upon vesting in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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