

PACIFIC PREMIER BANCORP INC
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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 *
GARDNER STEVEN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PACIFIC PREMIER BANCORP INC [PPBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 17901 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/25/2016

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

IRVINE, CA 92614

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 | |
| PPBI Restricted Stock Award ⁽¹⁾ | 01/25/2016 | | A | 85,000 | A | \$ 19.29 | 135,000 | 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)

| 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| PPBI Restricted Stock Unit | (2) | 01/25/2016 | | A | 14,625 | (2) (3) | PPBI Common Stock | 14,625 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GARDNER STEVEN R 17901 VON KARMAN SUITE 1200 IRVINE, CA 92614 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Steven R. Gardner 01/27/2016

**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).

(1) Restricted Stock with an evenly distributed 3 year vesting schedule.

(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock. The amount reported reflects the maximum number of Restricted Stock Units that may vest upon achievement of certain predetermined performance goals and assuming continued employment. The Restricted Stock Units will vest annually, if at all, commencing January 25, 2017 in three installments ranging between 1/5 and 1/3 of the reported number of Restricted Stock Units.

(3) Not applicable

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