

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction
1(b).**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 *
BARR JOSEPH2. 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)
07/25/2006☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)**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
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person**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	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase	\$ 30.04	07/25/2006	A		1,500		07/25/2007	07/25/2016	Common Stock		1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARR JOSEPH 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506	X			

Signatures

/s/Joseph P. Barr 07/27/2006

 Date

**Signature of
Reporting Person

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) Mr. Barr has previously been granted 49,000 options to acquire 49,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 1996 Stock Option Plan and 2003 Stock Option Plan. The grant(s) vest ratably over a five-year period and expire in ten years. As a result of the activity described in this notice, Mr. Barr has been granted 1,500 options to acquire 1,500 shares of common stock under Provident's 2003 Stock Option Plan. The grant vests ratably over a five-year period and expires in ten years.

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