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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HERITAGE COMMERCE CORP [HTBK] À Benito Michael Eugene (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 14911 BLOSSOM HILL ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person LOS GATOS. CAÂ 95032 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One **EVP/Business Banking Division** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock 7,600 Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock 540 I Indirect by spouse Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 5. 6. Nature of (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	11/28/2003	11/28/2013	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	25,000	\$ 12.5	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	02/16/2006	02/16/2016	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	4,409	\$ 22.78	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	05/04/2007	05/04/2017	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	155	\$ 23.89	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	07/26/2010	07/26/2020	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	4,500	\$ 3.57	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/04/2009	05/04/2019	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	4,500	\$ 7.43	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/22/2008	05/22/2018	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	7,000	\$ 16	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/16/2006	02/16/2016	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	591	\$ 22.78	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/04/2007	05/04/2017	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock	6,845	\$ 22.89	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	08/03/2006	08/03/2016	Heritage Commerce Corp -	5,000	\$ 23.85	D	Â

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Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Benito Michael Eugene 14911 BLOSSOM HILL ROAD LOS GATOS, CA 95032	Â	Â	EVP/Business Banking Division	Â	

Signatures

By: Debbie Reuter as Attorney in fact For: Michael
Benito
02/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

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