

Kawamoto Dan Toshio
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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 *
 Kawamoto Dan Toshio

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HERITAGE COMMERCE CORP
 [HTBK]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 150 ALMADEN BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP/Chief Adm Officer

SAN JOSE, CA 95113
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	05/01/2012		A		6,000	A	\$ 0
Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock					14,388	I	

Indirect by IRA

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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.22			V	(A)	07/27/2009 ⁽²⁾ 07/27/2019	Heritage Commerce Corp - Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kawamoto Dan Toshio 150 ALMADEN BLVD. SAN JOSE, CA 95113			EVP/Chief Adm Officer	

Signatures

By: Debbie Reuter as Attorney in fact For: Dan Kawamoto 05/02/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted stock that vests on the second anniversary of the date of grant.

(2) Stock option vests daily in four years.

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