

First California Financial Group, Inc.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 * GIPSON ROBERT E (Last) (First) (Middle)  1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800  (Street)  LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	40,470	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/17/2002	12/17/2007	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 4.6	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/03/2004	02/03/2009	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 5.52	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/23/2004	04/23/2010	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 8.12	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/18/2006	07/18/2011	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 12.04	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIPSON ROBERT E 1880 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 800 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ David R. Brown,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/12/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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