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Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement Under  
Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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CB BANCSHARES, INC.  
(Name of Subject Company)

CB BANCSHARES, INC.  
(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

Common Stock, Par Value \$1.00 Per Share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

124785106  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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