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See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LEVINE MICHAEL J Issuer Symbol **NEW YORK COMMUNITY** (Check all applicable) BANCORP INC [NYB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 615 MERRICK AVENUE 01/26/2009 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WESTBURY, NY 11590 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative Se	ecuriti	es Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of		5. Amount of Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/26/2009		A	10,000	A	\$ 0	10,000	I	By Stock Award (1)
Common Stock							187,360	D	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LEVINE MICHAEL J								
615 MERRICK AVENUE	X							

Signatures

WESTBURY, NY 11590

By: /s/ Ilene A. Angarola, Power of 01/28/2009 Attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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