

SMITH RICHARD P  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SMITH RICHARD P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRICO BANCSHARES / [tcbk]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/10/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

(Street)  
CHICO, CA 95973

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/10/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	54,110 D	
Common Stock	10/10/2008	10/16/2008	J <sup>(2)</sup>		14,905	A	\$ 15.6577	1,195,479 I	By TriCo ESOP of which I am a Trustee
Common Stock	10/10/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	181.4129 I	By Wife

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)

Table with 9 columns: 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), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5). Additional columns: Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Sub-columns for Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Data row for SMITH RICHARD P, 63 CONSTITUTION DRIVE, CHICO, CA 95973, marked as Director and Officer (President & CEO).

Signatures

Suzanne Youngs "Power of Attorney" 10/10/2008
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) No transactions occurred among these shares, intended only to reflect number of shares beneficially owned.
(2) ESOP purchased shares. Purchase pursuant to 10b5-1 plan.

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