

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/
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**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 *
SIPES KEVIN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/
[RBCAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
601 W MARKET STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Financial Officer

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | M | 4,410 A \$ 20.71 | 40,640 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 3,804.7184 | I | by ESOP (1) |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.71 | 03/13/2012 | | M | 4,410 | 05/16/2011 05/15/2012 | Class A Common Stock 4,410 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.87 | | | | | 12/08/2011 12/07/2012 | Class A Common Stock 2,625 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.87 | | | | | 12/08/2012 12/07/2013 | Class A Common Stock 2,625 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.89 | | | | | 11/19/2013 11/18/2014 | Class A Common Stock 7,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.89 | | | | | 11/19/2014 11/18/2015 | Class A Common Stock 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SIPES KEVIN D 601 W MARKET STREET | | | EVP & Chief Financial Officer | |

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

Signatures

/s/ Kevin D.

03/13/2012

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__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) Includes 78.5673 and 98.3914 shares of Class A Common Stock allocated to the reporting person under the ESOP as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, respectively, based on information provided by the plan administrator.

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