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## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Testa Justin |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol COGNEX CORP [CGNX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                             |  |  |  |
|--|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First)   |         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                       | (check all applicable)   |  |  |  |
| COGNEX CORPORATION, ONE VISION DRIVE                   |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>11/20/2008  | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, MVSD                             |  |  |  |
| (Street)   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |  |
| NATICK, MA   | A 01760 |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-                            | Derivative                              | Secu  | rities Acquir | red, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>or Dispos<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | ed of | ` ′           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/20/2008                              |   | M                                      | 12,000                                  | A     | \$ 7.5        | 12,000   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/20/2008                              |   | S                                      | 12,000                                  | D     | \$<br>11.7704 | 0  | D  |   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amou<br>Underlying Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                        |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|---|------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Am<br>or<br>Nu<br>of S |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 7.5  | 11/20/2008                              |   | M                                       | 12,000  | 04/05/1999   | 12/14/2008         | Common<br>Stock   | 12                     |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Testa Justin

COGNEX CORPORATION EVP, MVSD

ONE VISION DRIVE

NATICK, MA 01760

## **Signatures**

Justin A Testa 11/21/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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