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### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

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1. Name and A Robinson E	Address of Reporting F liot S	Symbol	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING BANCORP [stl]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	3. Stateme (Month/D 12/31/20	ay/Year)	Fiscal Year Ended	DirectorX Officer (given	10%	6 Owner er (specify		
650 FIFTH FLOOR	AVENUE, 4TH				below) EVP - St	below) terling National	Bank		
	(Street)	Filed(Mon	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2012			6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)			
NEW YOR	K, NY 10019				_X_ Form Filed by Form Filed by Person	One Reporting P More than One R			
(City)	(State) (	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly 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 at end	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		

of of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Amount Common Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 21,566 (1) D Stock Common Â Â Â Â Â Â 11,210 I By 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Stock

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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 Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.99	Â	Â	Â	Â	03/15/2012(2)	03/15/2017	Common Stock	10
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 14.6	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/06/2003(3)	02/06/2012	Common Stock	14

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Robinson Eliot S 650 FIFTH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	Â	Â	EVP - Sterling National Bank	Â		

## **Signatures**

Eliot S.
Robinson

\*\*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).

Includes 2,003 shares of restricted common stock issued March 25, 2010 and 1,904 shares of restricted common stock issued March 24, 2011, pursuant to the Sterling Bancorp Stock Incentive Plan. The shares vest 50%, 25% and 25% on the second, third and fourth

- (1) anniversaries of the respective grant dates subject to (1) accelerated vesting upon death, disability and change in control and (2) continued vesting upon retirement after the second anniversary of the grant date subject to compliance with a non-compete. All shares owned directly are subject to full dividend reinvestment.
- (2) CORRECTED FOOTNOTE: Non-qualified stock options become exercisable commencing on the fifth anniversary of the grant date for a term of ten years from date of grant.
- (3) CORRECTED FOOTNOTE: Options become exercisable in three installments on the first anniversary of the grant, for a term of ten years from the date of the grant (first exercisable date listed).

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