

VALDES MAX O  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VALDES MAX O

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY

(Street)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

First American Financial Corp [FAF]

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

12/01/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/01/2010		S	4,578	D 14.68	68,907	D (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
					(\$ (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)**

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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	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 20.4 <sup>(8)</sup>			Code V	(A) (D)	12/08/2006 <sup>(9)</sup> 12/08/2015	Common Stock	46,581

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VALDES MAX O 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Greg L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Max O. Valdes 12/03/2010

<sup>(7)</sup>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) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.67 to \$14.69, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (2) For informational purposes of reconciliation to prior The First American Corporation ("FAC") Section 16 filings, the 4,578 shares sold were acquired in a pro rata distribution by FAC and the reporting person transferred 764 FAC shares on April 12, 2010, pursuant to a domestic relations agreement.
- (3) Includes 7,890 unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs") acquired in a pro rata distribution by FAC on account of an original grant of 7,657 FAC RSUs, of which 3,360 were unvested at the time of the distribution and shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment. The vesting schedule of the FAC RSUs, vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 03/05/08, the first anniversary of the grant, has been carried over to the issuer RSUs.
- (4) Includes 12,175 unvested RSUs acquired in a pro rata distribution by FAC on account of an original grant of 8,030 FAC RSUs, of which 5,184 were unvested at the time of the distribution and shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment. The vesting schedule of the FAC RSUs, vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 03/04/09, the first anniversary of the grant, has been carried

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over to the issuer RSUs.

- (5) Includes 20,367 unvested RSUs acquired in a pro rata distribution by FAC on account of an original grant of 9,372 FAC RSUs on 03/04/09 and a grant of 1,084 FAC RSUs on 06/22/09, of which 8,672 were unvested at the time of the distribution and shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment. The vesting schedule of each of the FAC RSUs, vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 03/04/10, the first anniversary of the grant, has been carried over to the issuer RSUs.
- (6) Includes 28,475 unvested RSUs acquired in a pro rata distribution by FAC on account of an original grant of 12,051 FAC RSUs, of which 12,123 were unvested at the time of the distribution and shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment. The vesting schedule of the FAC RSUs, vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 03/03/11, the first anniversary of the grant, has been carried over to the issuer RSUs.
- (7) Option acquired in a pro rata distribution by FAC.
- (8) The exercise price is equal to the exercise price of the FAC option held by the reporting person multiplied by  $\$14.10/\$32.84$ , which represents the when-issued trading price of the issuer on June 1, 2010 divided by the last FAC trading price.
- (9) The vesting schedule of the FAC option, vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 12/08/06, the first anniversary of the grant, has been carried over to the issuer options.
- (10) The number of options acquired is equal to the number of FAC options held by the reporting person multiplied by  $\$32.84/\$14.10$ , which represents the last FAC trading price divided by the when-issued trading price of the issuer on June 1, 2010.

### Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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