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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement First California Financial Group, Inc. [FCAL] Dalmau Gilbert (Month/Day/Year) 07/20/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3027 TOWNSGATE (Check all applicable) ROAD, Â SUITE 300 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP, Chief Banking Officer Person **WESTLAKE** Form filed by More than One VILLAGE. CAÂ 91361 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â $20,000^{(1)}$ Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I) Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dalmau Gilbert

3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD SUITE 300 Â Â ÊVP, Chief Banking Officer Â

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CAÂ 91361

Signatures

/s/ Romoio Santarosa 07/26/2011

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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20,000 restricted shares of common stock were granted to the reporting person on July 20, 2011. The closing price per share of the issuer's stock as of that date was \$3.75 per share. The restricted shares will vest in one-third increments on each of July 20, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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