FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>COWNIE JAMES S</u> |   |  |  |         |              | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MACERICH CO [ MAC ] |   |       |     |  |     |                     |   |                            |        | Check   | all app                            | o of Reporting Person(s) to licable)  |  |   |  |  |
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| (Last)   | ast) (First) (Middle)   |  |  |         |              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                        |   |       |     |  |     |                     |   |                            |        |   | Officer (give title below)         |   |  | Other (<br>below)   | specify  |  |
| THE MACERICH COMPANY   |   |  |  |         |              |   | 03/06/2009  |       |     |  |     |                     |   |                            |        |   |                                    |   |  |   |  |  |
| 401 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD #700                                    |   |  |  |         |              |   |   |       |     |  |     |                     |   |                            |        |   |                                    |   |  |   |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |         | 4. If        | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                |   |       |     |  |     |                     |   |                            |        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |                                    |   |  |   |  |  |
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|  |   | Tabl                                       | e I - Non-   | -Deriva | ative        | Sec   | curitie   | s Ac  | qui | ired, D  | isp | osed o              | f, or   | Ben                        | eficia | ally (  | Owne                               | ed  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date)  |   |  |  |         |              | ar)   E   | A. Deemed<br>xecution Date,<br>fany<br>Month/Day/Year |       | ,   | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)                           |     |                     | ities Acquired (A<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3,  |                            |        | 4 and Se<br>Be<br>Ov                                  |                                    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported   |  | wnership<br>m: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4)                  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |  |
|  |   |  |  |         |              |   |   |       |     | Code   | ,   | Amount              |   | (A) or<br>(D)              | Price  | . 1   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |  |   | (111341. 4)  |  |
| СОММО  | /2009   | 9  |  |         |              | Α   |   | 1,000 | )   | A  | \$0 |                     | 62,000(1)   |                            |        | D   |                                    |   |  |   |  |  |
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| 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<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea | Date,   | Code (Instr. |   |   |       | Ex  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     |                     | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                            |        |   |                                    | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(:<br>(Instr. 4) |  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |  |         | Code V       |   | (A)   | (D)   |     |  |     | xpiration<br>late   | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |        |   |                                    |   |  |   |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. In addition, 3,750 shares are held by his wife. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares held by his wife and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such shares for purproses of Section 16 or otherwise.

> Madonna R. Shannon for James S. Cownie

03/10/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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