PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III
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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 Person *
Â CUMMINGS JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE,Â SUITE 100

(Street)

NEWPORT BEACH,Â CAÂ 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III [PZC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer __X__ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
NO SECURITIES ARE BENEFICIALLY OWNED	0	D	Â

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

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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)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CUMMINGS JOHN 840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE SUITE 100 NEWPORT BEACH,Â CAÂ 92660	Â	Â	Â	PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Signatures

/S/ STEVEN LUDWIG, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JOHN CUMMINGS	12/18/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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