

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CITIGROUP INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NUVEEN CALIFORNIA
 DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE
 MUNICIPAL FUND 3 [NZH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
 ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/29/2011

399 PARK AVENUE
 (Street)

4. 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

NEW YORK, NY 10043

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | Amount | Price | | |
| Auction Rate Preferred | 06/29/2011 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 95 | D | \$ 25,000 | 113 I | By Subsidiary <u>(2)</u> |
| Auction Rate Preferred | 06/30/2011 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 113 | D | \$ 25,000 | 0 I | By Subsidiary <u>(2)</u> |

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