

Spero Vincent A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Spero Vincent A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO BOX 700  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/20/2018

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

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) Code V Amount (D) Price	48,108.5397	D	
Common Stock					13,900.4859 (1)	I	401(k) Plan/Profit Sharing
Common Stock					2,740.9316	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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)

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 (Instr. 8)	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
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/20/2018		A	6,241	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	6,241
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/20/2018		A	1,415	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,415
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/20/2018		A	2,080	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,080
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.01					<u>(7)</u> 06/02/2018	Common Stock	1,050

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Spero Vincent A 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921			EVP & Chief Lending Officer	

## Signatures

Vincent A. Spero      03/22/2018

\_\_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) Includes 401(k) contributions used to purchase PGC stock each payroll period.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in three approximately equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in five approximately equal installments on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation subject to certain performance conditions. The units will cliff vest, after three years, if the conditions are met.
- (6) The restricted stock units will cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date subject to certain performance conditions being satisfied.
- (7) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on June 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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