

LESTER HOWARD
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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 *
LESTER HOWARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3250 VAN NESS AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/14/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN & CEO

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	11/14/2008		S		129,900	D 6.6382	3,893,315 D
						<u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock	11/17/2008		S		419,900	D 6.4146	3,473,415 D
						<u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock	11/18/2008		S		379,570	D 6.0272	3,093,845 D
						<u>(3)</u>	
Common Stock	11/17/2008		J	2	A	\$ 6.16	731 <u>(4)</u> I
							by Managed

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- Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$5.90 to
- (3) \$6.22. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- The reporting person owns \$4,505.35 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a
- (4) statement dated November 17, 2008. The number of shares indirectly owned was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$6.16, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on November 17, 2008.

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