

Leonsis Theodore  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| Â Leonsis Theodore<br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle) | 07/19/2010<br><br>(Month/Day/Year)   | AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]                          |  |  |

3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER,Â 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER  
  
(Street)

(Check all applicable)

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

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10285  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|

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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security:                  |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                  |                 |                  |                            |                              | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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 NEW YORK, NY 10285

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## Signatures

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs,  
 attorney-in-fact

07/22/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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**Remarks:**

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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