#### LESTER HOWARD

Form 4

November 18, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

11/17/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LESTER HOWARD	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an appreciate)			
	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
3250 VAN NESS AVENUE	11/14/2008	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN & CEO			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

	· ·	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 our Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D	Price	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)		
Common Stock	11/14/2008		S	129,900	D	\$ 6.6382 (1)	3,893,315	D			
Common Stock	11/17/2008		S	419,900	D	\$ 6.4146 (2)	3,473,415	D			
Common Stock	11/18/2008		S	379,570	D	\$ 6.0272 (3)	3,093,845	D			

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day, Tear)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Underly Securit	ying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title I	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b></b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LESTER HOWARD 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	X		CHAIRMAN & CEO				

# **Signatures**

By: Laurel Pies, Attorney in Fact For: Howard

Lester 11/18/2008

> \*\*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).
- Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$6.34 to (1) \$6.85. 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.
- Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$6.13 to (2) \$6.65. 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.

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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 \$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 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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