

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 4

October 19, 2010

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sarver Robert Gary

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION, 2700 WEST  
SAHARA AVENUE

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION [WAL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/15/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 10/15/2010                              |                                                             | A                                       | 2,396<br>(1)                                                               | \$ 0                                                                                                               | 2,540,708                                                               | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 3,160 (2)                                                                                                          | I                                                                       | By 401(k)<br>Plan                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 30,000                                                                                                             | I                                                                       | By Robert G.<br>Sarver Trust<br>dtd<br>09/29/1997                 |
| Common                                |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 189,758                                                                                                            | I                                                                       | By Sarver                                                         |

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|-----------------|--------|---|--|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Stock           |        |   |  | Family Trust<br>Dated<br>09/29/1997                     |
| Common<br>Stock | 30,000 | I |  | By Spouse <sup>(3)</sup>                                |
| Common<br>Stock | 16,022 | I |  | By SF III Ltd<br>Partnership                            |
| Common<br>Stock | 33,105 | I |  | By Vulture II<br>Corporation                            |
| Common<br>Stock | 4,000  | I |  | By The<br>Harrison H.<br>Hilton Trust<br><sup>(3)</sup> |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                              | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Sarver Robert Gary<br>C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION<br>2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE<br>LAS VEGAS, NV 89102 | X             |           | Chairman<br>and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
(Attorney-in-fact)

10/19/2010

\_\_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).  
  
These shares are issuable in respect of common stock that represent a portion of the reporting person's salary, net of withholdings and deductions, that fully vest on the date of the grant. Once vested the common stock will become transferrable to the reporting person on a pro rata basis as the Company repays TARP Funds, in increments of no less than 25%. TARP Funds include any funds received pursuant to the United States Government's Troubled Asset Relief Program.
- (1) Reflects current shares held in the 401(k) Plan to include Employer match.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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