

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESFiled pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

CITIGROUP INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

399 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10043

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/16/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE
MUNICIPAL FUND 3 [NZH]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

____X____ 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
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Auction Rate Preferred

335 ⁽¹⁾

I By Subsidiary

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date Expiration
Exercisable Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title Amount or
Number of4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CITIGROUP INC 399 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10043	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

Citigroup Inc., By: /s/ Ali L. Karshan, Assistant
Secretary

01/10/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) The Auction Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table I represent 335 Shares beneficially owned by Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ("CGMI"). Citigroup Financial Products Inc. ("CFP") is the sole stockholder of CGMI. Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. ("CGMH") is the sole stockholder of CFP. Citigroup Inc. ("Citigroup") is the sole stockholder of CGMH.

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Remarks:

The 335 Shares reported herein represent Citigroup's combined holdings in multiple series of auction

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