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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/ (Last) (First) (Middle) BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER, 100 N TRYON ST (Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 [NZH]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ____ Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ 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	807 (1)	I	By Subsidiary		

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 (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/ BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER 100 N TRYON ST CHARLOTTE, NC 28255		X		
BANK OF AMERICA NA BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER 100 N TRYON ST CHARLOTTE, NC 28255		X		
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NORTH TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10080		X		

Signatures

/s/ Debra I. Cho, Senior Vice President, Bank of America Corporation		02/10/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
/s/ Debra I. Cho, Senior Vice President, Bank of America, NA		02/10/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date

/s/ Pia Thompson, Assistant Secretary, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.

02/10/2009

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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The Auction Rate Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table 1 represent 160 Shares beneficially owned by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. ("MLPFS") and (1) 647 Shares beneficially owned by Bank of America, N.A. ("BANA"). MLPFS and BANA are each indirect, wholly owned subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation ("Bank of America").

Remarks:

The Shares reported herein represent Bank of America's combined holdings in multiple series of auction rate preferred securities of the issuer, which are treated herein as one class of securities in accordance with the Auction Rate Securities-Global Exemptive Relief no-action letter issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on September 22, 2008. Bank of America undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, complete information regarding the number of equity securities of the issuer purchased or sold at each different price and date of all transactions in such securities that occurred after Bank of America became a 10% owner but prior to the date of this filing.

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