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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CONTIS DAVID J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>THE MACERICH COMPANY</u> <u>401 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD #700</u> (Street) <u>SANTA MONICA CA 90401</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MACERICH CO [MAC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP & Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/19/2003</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		M		21,434	A	\$23.375	139,896	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		500	D	\$43.59	139,396	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		4,500	D	\$43.52	134,896	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		1,134	D	\$43.38	133,762	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		800	D	\$43.37	132,962	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		200	D	\$43.44	132,762	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		4,300	D	\$43.35	128,462	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		100	D	\$43.51	128,362	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		300	D	\$43.5	128,062	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		800	D	\$43.47	127,262	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		2,800	D	\$43.4	124,462	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		500	D	\$43.55	123,962	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		300	D	\$43.54	123,662	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
COMMON STOCK	12/19/2003		S		5,200	D	\$43.5	118,462	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy)	\$23.375	12/19/2003		M		21,434		08/19/1999	02/19/2009	COMMON STOCK	21,434	\$0	10,010	D

Explanation of Responses:

- 61,928 of such shares are held by The Contis Trust, of which Mr. Contis and his wife are co-trustees.
- 2,600 shares are also held by reporting person as custodian for three children. In addition, 600 shares are separately held by his wife. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his wife and children, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or otherwise.

Richard A. Bayer for DAVID J. CONTIS 12/22/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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