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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

West Lance

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/27/2011

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BankUnited, Inc. [BKU]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O CENTERBRIDGE PARTNERS, L.P., Â 375 PARK **AVENUE. 12TH FLOOR**

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10152

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

Date

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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**

4 Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D)

Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

West Lance
C/O CENTERBRIDGE PARTNERS, L.P.
375 PARK AVENUE, 12TH FLOOR

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Signatures

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10152

By: /s/ Lance
West

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

Mr. West is a member of the board of directors of BankUnited, Inc. (the "Issuer") and a Senior Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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