FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Mara Joseph Anthony Jr						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [ VCEL ]									heck all app Direc	olicable) ctor		rson(s) to Is	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 64 SIDNEY STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2024									belov	Officer (give title Other (sp below) below)  Chief Financial Officer			specify	
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139					4. If <i>I</i>	Line)  Form filed by								i filed by On	int/Group Filing (Check Applicable d by One Reporting Person d by More than One Reporting					
(City) (State) (Zip)						Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.														
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
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									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Transa	Reported Fransaction(s) Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/12/2					2024				S		5,000	<b>D</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		\$50	)   14	14,436(2)		D		
	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)	if any	emed ion Date, /Day/Year)		Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exerc ion Da /Day/Y		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Insti 3 and 4)		f g	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected by an automatic sale pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 15, 2024.
- 2. These shares include shares acquired pursuant to the Issuer's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan in transactions that were exempt under both Rule 16b-3(d) and Rule 16b-3(c).

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-07/16/2024 Fact for Joseph Mara

\*\* 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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