

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Carey William Robert</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COUCHBASE, INC. 3250 OLCOTT STREET  (Street) SANTA CLARA CA 95054  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/10/2023	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Couchbase, Inc. [ BASE ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Accounting Officer	5. 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 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)
Common Stock	46,044 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	D	

**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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option	(3)	03/09/2031	Common Stock 2,999	21.4	D	
Stock Option	(4)	09/18/2029	Common Stock 22,053	7.55	D	
Stock Option	(5)	09/17/2030	Common Stock 6,000	9.95	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes 7,947 shares of common stock, 22,097 restricted stock units ("RSUs") and 14,000 performance-based restricted stock units ("PSUs"). 11,177 RSUs will vest at 6.25% quarterly beginning June 15, 2022. 10,920 RSUs will vest at 6.25% quarterly beginning June 15, 2023. Quarterly vesting dates will fall on the first trading day on or after March 15th, June 15th, September 15th and December 15th. The PSUs will be eligible to vest in accordance with achieving certain performance milestones.
- Includes 1,000 shares acquired under the 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") on March 21, 2022, and 1,000 shares acquired under the ESPP on March 20, 2023.
- One fourth (1/4th) of the shares subject to the option vested on February 1, 2022 and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares vest monthly thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through each such date.
- One fourth (1/4th) of the shares subject to the option vested on July 22, 2020 and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares vest monthly thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through each such date.
- One fourth (1/4th) of the shares subject to the option vested on August 1, 2021 and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares vest monthly thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through each such date.

**Remarks:**

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Margaret Chow, by Power of Attorney for William R. Carey

04/18/2023

\*\* 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 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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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, in connection with being appointed as a Section 16 reporting person of Couchbase, Inc. (the "*Company*"), hereby constitutes and appoints Margaret Chow, Owais Mahesri, Emily Doan, Tuyet P. Tu (Amy), and Priscilla Vuong, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

1. complete and execute Forms 3, 4 and 5 and other forms and all amendments thereto as such attorney-in-fact shall in his discretion determine to be required or advisable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as a consequence of the undersigned's ownership, acquisition or disposition of securities of the Company; and
2. do all acts necessary in order to file such forms with the SEC, any securities exchange or national association, the Company and such other person or agency as the attorney-in-fact shall deem appropriate.

The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorney-in-fact and agents shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended).

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2023.

Signature:   
Print Name: **William Robert Carey**

