

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHING DAVID T</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>SAFEWAY INC.</u> <u>5918 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD</u> (Street) <u>PLEASANTON CA 94588</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/05/2007</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TJX COMPANIES INC /DE/ [TJX]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	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)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>D</u>	

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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Mary B. Reynolds, by Power of Attorney dated June 5, 2007 06/06/2007

** 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
For Forms 3, 4 and 5

I hereby constitute and appoint each of Ann McCauley, Jeffrey G. Naylor and Mary B. Reynolds, acting singly, with full power of substitution to each, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) prepare, execute and file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority for and on my behalf Forms 3, 4 and 5 pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder with respect to securities of The TJX Companies, Inc. (the "Company") and any amendments thereto; and

(2) prepare, execute and file such other documents and take such other action that I could take and which, in the opinion of the attorney-in-fact so acting, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing.

I acknowledge that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on my behalf pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion but that I remain responsible for the content of such forms. I further acknowledge that neither the foregoing attorneys-in-fact in serving in such capacity at my request nor the Company is assuming any responsibilities for my compliance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall have no liability for any action taken or failed to be taken pursuant to this Power of Attorney or with respect to such compliance.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until I am no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by me in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a confirming statement of authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 5th day of June, 2007.

/s/ David T. Ching
Signature

David T. Ching
Print Name