

Koh Steven  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Koh Steven

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3200 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |   |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/30/2017                           |  | S                              | 41,423  | D   | \$ 19.0042<br><u>(1)</u>                                 | 54,014  | I | KOH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 3,226,092   | I | KOH-WILSHIRE LP                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 608,261   | I | STEVEN S KOH TR<br>KOH-WILSHIRE TRUST UA DTD 06/04/04 |
| Common                          |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 805   | I | STEVEN  |

|                 |  |     |  |   |  |  |
|-----------------|--|-----|--|---|--|--|
| Stock           |  |     |  |   |  | SUKHWA KOH<br>2007 RETAINED<br>ANNUITY<br>TRUST  |
| Common<br>Stock |  | 805 |  | I |  | JUNG OK KOH<br>2007 RETAINED<br>ANNUITY<br>TRUST |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount of Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (2)   | Common Stock | 6,667                      |
| Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)  | \$ 17.18   |                                      |  |                                |   | (3)  | 09/01/2026  | Common Stock | 30,000                     |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 5.02  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/01/2016   | 01/28/2022  | Common Stock | 105,510                    |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 14.65   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/01/2016   | 08/25/2025  | Common Stock | 6,167                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Koh Steven<br>3200 WILSHIRE BLVD. | X             |           |         |       |

SUITE 1400  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

## Signatures

/s/ by Claire Hur as AIF for  
Steven Koh

12/01/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.00 to \$19.10, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to HOPE Bancorp, Inc., any security holder of HOPE Bancorp, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

(2) Total 20,000 restricted stock units were granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the BBCN Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of HOPE Bancorp, Inc. common stock. 1/3 of the award vested immediately on the grant date, 1/3 vested on September 1, 2017, and remaining 1/3 will vest on September 1, 2018.

(3) These options were granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the BBCN Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan. 1/3 of the options vested immediately on the grant date, with the remaining 2/3 vesting in two equal annual installments thereafter.

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