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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 *
Ko Alex

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)
03/08/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CFO

(Street)
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

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

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock					17,166	D	
Common Stock (Restricted Stock)					1,780 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/08/2019		A	4,231	(2)	(2)	Common Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(4)					04/26/2021(4)	(4)	Common Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(5)					04/26/2021(5)	(5)	Common Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(6)					(6)	(6)	Common Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(7)					07/27/2020(7)	(7)	Common Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(8)					07/27/2020(8)	(8)	Common Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(9)					(9)	(9)	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.18					(10)	09/01/2026	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SUITE 1400
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

EVP, CFO

Signatures

/s/Claire Hur as attorney-in-fact for
Alex Ko

03/12/2019

**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) 1,780 represents Restricted Stock granted on 04/08/15 and 03/16/16 which are still outstanding including any accrued dividend to date. These shares will vest in March-April 2019 according to previously disclosed vesting schedules.
- Total 4,231 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on March 8, 2019 pursuant to the Hope Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan ("2016 ICP"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 2,115 and 2,116 shares will vest annually on March 8, 2020 and 2021 respectively.
- (2) Total 4,696 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on April 26, 2018 pursuant to the Hope Bancorp, Inc. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2017 LTIP") and 2016 ICP. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 1,565 shares each will vest annually on April 26, 2019, 2020, and 1,566 shares on April 26, 2021.
- (3) 2,348 performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSU") were granted on April 26, 2018 pursuant to the 2017 LTIP and the 2016 ICP and subject to a 3-year cliff vesting. Vesting of these PRSU depends upon Hope's achievement of a specified increase in the cumulative quarterly earnings per share during the 11-quarter period from April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock at Target performance. The "Target" number of shares is reported. Possible payout ranges from 0% of Target if the Threshold goal is not met, 50% to 99% on a prorated basis if the Threshold is met but the Target goal is not met, 100% to 149% on a prorated basis if the Target goal is met but the Stretch goal is not met, and 150% if the Stretch goal is met or exceeded.
- (4) 2,348 performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSU") were granted on April 26, 2018 pursuant to the 2017 LTIP and the 2016 ICP and subject to a 3-year cliff vesting. Vesting of these PRSU shares depends upon Hope's achievement of a specified relative ranking of the total stockholder return in relation to the KRX Index over a 11-quarter period from April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock at Target performance. The "Target" number of shares is reported. Possible payout ranges from 0% of Target if the Threshold goal is not met, 50% to 99% on a prorated basis if the Threshold is met but the Target goal is not met, 100% to 149% on a prorated basis if the Target goal is met but the Stretch goal is not met, and 150% if the Stretch goal is met or exceeded.
- (5) Total 2,000 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on July 27, 2017 pursuant to the 2017 LTIP and 2016 ICP. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 667 shares each will vest annually on July 27, 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- (6) 1,000 performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSU") were granted on July 27, 2017 pursuant to the 2017 LTIP and the 2016 ICP and subject to a 3-year cliff vesting. Vesting of these PRSU depends upon Hope's achievement of a specified increase in the cumulative quarterly earnings per share during the 10-quarter period from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock at Target performance. The "Target" number of shares is reported. Possible payout ranges from 0% of Target if the Threshold goal is not met, 50% to 99% on a prorated basis if the Threshold is met but the Target goal is not met, 100% to 149% on a prorated basis if the Target goal is met but the Stretch goal is not met, and 150% if the Stretch goal is met or exceeded.
- (7) 1,000 performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSU") were granted on July 27, 2017 pursuant to the 2017 LTIP and the 2016 ICP and subject to a 3-year cliff vesting. Vesting of these PRSU shares depends upon Hope's achievement of a specified relative ranking of the total stockholder return in relation to the KRX Index over a 10-quarter period from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock at Target performance. The "Target" number of shares is reported. Possible payout ranges from 0% of Target if the Threshold goal is not met, 50% to 99% on a prorated basis if the Threshold is met but the Target goal is not met, 100% to 149% on a prorated basis if the Target goal is met but the Stretch goal is not met, and 150% if the Stretch goal is met or exceeded.
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- (9) On September 1, 2016, the reporting person was granted 7,000 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) pursuant to the 2016 ICP. RSUs convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis and vest annually in five equal installments on September 1st of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- (10) Non-qualified stock options granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the 2016 ICP. These options vest annually in five equal installments on September 1st of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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