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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Byun Donald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE]

(Check all applicable)

3200 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE

(Street)

1400

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

08/24/2017

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D))	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)
Common Stock	08/24/2017		S	1,026 (1)		\$ 16.45	573,228	I (1)	By self and spouse as trustees of family trust
Common Stock	08/25/2017		S	100,000	D	\$ 16.45	473,228	I (1)	By self and spouse as trustees of family trust

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	(2)	Common stock	9,000
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 17.18					(3)	09/01/2026	Common stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.02					08/01/2016	01/28/2022	Common stock	35,170
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.65					08/01/2016	08/25/2025	Common stock	5,286

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Byun Donald 3200 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 1400 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010	X						
Signatures							
/s/ by Claire Hur as AIF for Do Byun	onald	08/28	8/2017				

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Date

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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).
- These shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned but were transferred by reporting person and spouse to a revocable family trust on August 8, 2017. Of the total 574,254 shares that were transferred to the family trust, 1,026 shares were sold on 8/24/17 and 100,000 shares were sold on 8/25/17.
 - 13,500 restricted stock units were granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the BBCN Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) 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, with the remaining 2/3 vesting in 2 equal annual installments thereafter.
- (3) 20,000 stock 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.
- (4) Received pursuant to the merger between BBCN Bancorp, Inc. and Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. effective July 29, 2016 (the "Merger"), in exchange for a stock option to acquire 50,000 shares of Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. common stock.
- (5) Received in the Merger in exchange for a stock option to acquire 7,515 shares of Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. common stock.

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