Kim Kevin Sung Form 4

Common

Stock

09/01/2018

September 05, 2018 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if no longer STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to **SECURITIES** Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A	Address of Reporting P Sung	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First) (M	iddle) 3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction	(Ch	eck all applicabl	e)	
, , ,	SHIRE BLVD., SU	(Month/D	(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2018			ive title 0th below) President & CEO		
(Street)		4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
		Filed(Mon	Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	

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

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Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

 $70,402 \frac{(1)}{}$

(A)

(D)

A

Price

\$0

(Instr. 4)

D

(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Code V Amount

8,334

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Estimated average

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 ar
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(3)					04/26/2021(3)	(3)	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					04/26/2021(4)	<u>(4)</u>	Commo Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(7)					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Commo Stock
Incentive stock option (right to buy)	\$ 17.18					<u>(8)</u>	09/01/2026	Commo Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.88					<u>(9)</u>	04/11/2024	Commo Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.12					(10)	05/26/2026	Commo Stock
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(11)</u>	09/01/2018		M	8,334	(11)	(11)	Commo Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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Kim Kevin Sung 3200 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 1400 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

President & CEO

Signatures

/s/by Claire Hur as AIF for Kevin Sung Kim

09/05/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes restricted stock granted on April 11, 2014 under the BBCN Bancorp Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan with 12,000 remaining shares that will vest annually in equal installments on April 11, 2018 and 2019.
- Total 30,294 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on April 26, 2018 pursuant to the Hope Bancorp, Inc. 2017 Long-Term
 Incentive Plan ("2017 LTIP") and BBCN Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan ("2016 ICP"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 10,098 shares each will vest annually on April 26, 2019, 2020, and 2021.
 - 15,147 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
- (3) 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.
 - 15,147 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
- (4) 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.
- Total 28,656 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on June 26, 2017 pursuant to 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan [2017 LTIP] and 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan [2016 ICP]. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 9,552 shares each will vest on June 26, 2018, 2019, and 2020.
 - 14,328 performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSU") were granted on June 26, 2017 pursuant to the 2017 LTIP and the 2016 ICP. Vesting of these PRSU shares depends upon Hope's achievement of a specified increase in the cumulative quarterly earnings per share during the 11-quarter period from April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one
- during the 11-quarter period from April 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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- (7) 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.
- 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 2 equal annual installments on September 1, 2017 and 2018

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Non-qualified stock options granted on April 11, 2014 under the BBCN Bancorp Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. 50,000 shares remain unvested. 40,000 will vest on April 11, 2018 and remaining 10,000 will vest on April 11, 2019.

- (10) Employee stock options granted on May 26, 2016 under the BBCN Bancorp Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares will vest on April 11, 2019.
 - Total 25,000 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.
- (11) 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, with the remaining 2/3 vesting in 2 equal annual installments on September 1, 2017 and 2018.

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