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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Koh Peter

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

3200 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

1400

(City)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/08/2019

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Director

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

EVP, Chief Credit Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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		Table	Table 1-1001-Delivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Beneficiary 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	
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)	Reported			
				(A)	Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Of Amount (D) Pr	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
~			Code v	Amount (D) Pr	ice			

Common 54,687 D Stock

Common Stock (Restricted

Stock)

 $1,549 \frac{(1)}{1}$ D

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

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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)	Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 ar
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/08/2019		A	4,029	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Commo Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(3)					(3)	(3)	Commo Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>					04/26/2021(5)	(5)	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>					04/26/2021(6)	(6)	Commo Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(7)					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(8)</u>					07/27/2020(8)	(8)	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(9)</u>					07/27/2020(9)	(9)	Commo Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.95					(10)	09/30/2020	Commo Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.18					<u>(11)</u>	09/01/2026	Commo Stock

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Koh Peter

3200 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 1400

EVP, Chief Credit Officer

LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

Signatures

/s/Claire Hur as attorney-in-fact for Peter Koh

03/12/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) 1,549 represents Restricted Stock granted on 03/16/16 which are still outstanding including any accrued dividend to date. These shares will vest in March 2019 according to previously disclosed vesting schedules.
- Total 4,029 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on March 8, 2019 pursuant to the Hope Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive
 (2) Compensation Plan ("2016 ICP"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 2,014 and 2,015 shares will vest annually on March 8, 2020 and 2021 respectively.
- 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 beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- Total 3,989 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on April 26, 2018 pursuant to the 2017 LTIP and 2016 ICP. Each RSU

 (4) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 1,329 shares each will vest annually on April 26, 2019, 2020, and 1,331 shares on April 26, 2021.
 - 1,995 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
- (5) 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.
 - 1,995 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.
- 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.
- (8) 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

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is met or exceeded.

- 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
- (9) 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.
- (10) Non-qualified stock options granted on 09/30/15. These options have become fully vested as of 9/30/18.
- 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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