

Whang Scott Yoon-suk
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Whang Scott Yoon-suk

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3200 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1400

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/01/2017	Â	A	4,500 A	\$ 0 (1) 45,202	I (2)	Scott Whang & Lydia Whang Trust Under Agreement 07/19/2001 S&O Revocable Trust

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Common Stock	12/15/2017 ⁽³⁾	Â	G ⁽³⁾	4,500	D	\$ 0	45,202	D	Â
Common Stock	12/15/2017 ⁽³⁾	Â	G ⁽³⁾	4,500	A	\$ 0	11,700	I	By wife as UGMA custodian for grandchildren
Common Stock	12/18/2017 ⁽⁴⁾	Â	G ⁽⁴⁾	4,500	D	\$ 0	45,202	D	Â
Common Stock	12/18/2017 ⁽⁴⁾	Â	G ⁽⁴⁾	4,500	A	\$ 0	11,700	I	By reporting person as UGMA custodian for grandchildren

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whang Scott Yoon-suk 3200 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1400 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Claire Hur as attorney-in-fact for Scott Yoon-Suk Whang 02/14/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Total 13,500 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.

(2) Amended from previously filed Form 5, which corrects the ownership form as "Indirect" to reflect ownership held in reporting person's trust.

(3) Transfer from the Scott Whang & Lydia Whang Trust Under Agreement 07/19/2001 S&O Revocable Trust to reporting person's wife as custodian of three of six grandchildren under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act. On 12/15/2017, reporting person gifted to three of six grandchildren common stock in the amount of 1,500 shares each.

(4) Transfer from the Scott Whang & Lydia Whang Trust Under Agreement 07/19/2001 S&O Revocable Trust to reporting person as custodian of three of six grandchildren under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act. On 12/18/2017 reporting person gifted to three of six grandchildren common stock in the amount of 1,500 shares each.

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