DAVIS CLAUDE E Form 4

March 13, 2018

# FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS CLAUDE E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)
(Last) 255 E FIFTH	(First) STREET, S	(Middle) UITE 2900	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2018	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
CINCINNATI, OH 45202				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Ac	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benefi	cially 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. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	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	03/10/2018		D	7,913 (1)	D	\$ 29.2	33,128	I	Restricted
Common Stock	03/10/2018		A	4,464 (2)	A	\$ 29.2	305,131	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2018		D	23,734 (3)	D	\$ 29.2	53,662	I	Restricted-P
Common Stock	03/10/2018		A	12,645 (4)	A	\$ 29.2	317,776	D	
Common Stock							580.1709	I	401-k

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	- 1
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ite	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	]
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						]
					(A) or						]
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
							Date	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DAVIS CLAUDE E							
255 E FIFTH STREET	X		CEO				
SUITE 2900	Λ		CLO				
CINCINNATI, OH 45202							

# **Signatures**

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA
03/13/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

### **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) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used for taxes.
- (3) Vesting of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Award.
- (4) Vesting of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Award less shares withheld for taxes and shares cancelled (award paid out at 94.43%).

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