

HOPE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
September 26, 2018

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 20, 2018

HOPE BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Delaware 000-50245 95-4849715  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3200 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1400, Los Angeles, CA 90010  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 639-1700.

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 8.01 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On September 20, 2018, the Board of Directors for Hope Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a share repurchase program that authorizes the Company to repurchase up to \$50 million of its common stock. Share repurchases may be executed through various means, including, without limitation, open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions or by other means as determined by the Company's management and in accordance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the September 26, 2018 press release announcing the share repurchase program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The information included in this report pursuant to Item 8.01 and Item 7.01 of Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 ) shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
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99.1	<u>News release, dated September 26, 2018, announcing the Company's share repurchase program.</u>
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Hope Bancorp, Inc.

Date: September 26, 2018 /s/ Alex Ko

Name: Alex Ko

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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