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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JHUNG JIN CHUL Issuer Symbol HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3200 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 09/01/2018 below) 1400 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) 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) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Amount Common 09/01/2018 216,693 M 2,500 D (1) Stock

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)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	SA. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	S. Number op of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	09/01/2018		M	2,500	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common stock	2,500
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 17.18					(3)	09/01/2026	Common stock	20,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JHUNG JIN CHUL 3200 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 1400 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010	X						

Signatures

/s/ by Claire Hur as AIF for Jin Chul
Jhung
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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Total 7,500 restricted stock units were granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the BBCN Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation
 (1) 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 thereafter.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) 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 two equal annual installments thereafter.

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