KIM JASON K Form 4 March 12, 2019

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KIM JASON K			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
3200 WILSH 1400	IIRE BLVD	O., SUITE	(Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2019	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)  EVP & Chief Comm Banking Ofc		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(	Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock					25,147	D	
Common Stock					4,677	I	By spouse

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securiti	vative es ed	6. Date Exercisab 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	(1)	03/08/2019		A	4,231		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Commo Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	(2)						(2)	(2)	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(3)						04/26/2021(3)	(3)	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>						04/26/2021(4)	<u>(4)</u>	Commo Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Commo Stock
Time-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	(7)						07/27/2020(7)	<u>(7)</u>	Commo Stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u> <u>(8)</u>						07/27/2020(8)	(8)	Commo Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.18						<u>(9)</u>	09/01/2026	Commo Stock

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KIM JASON K 3200 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 1400 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 EVP & Chief Comm Banking Ofc

## **Signatures**

/s/Claire Hur as attorney-in-fact for Jason K. Kim

03/12/2019

\*\*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 4,231 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on March 8, 2019 pursuant to the Hope Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive
- (1) Compensation Plan ("2016 ICP"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 2,115 and 2,116 shares will vest annually on March 8, 2020 and 2021 respectively.
- Total 1,947 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on April 26, 2018 pursuant to the Hope Bancorp, Inc. 2017 Long-Term Incentive (2) Plan ("2017 LTIP") and 2016 ICP. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope common stock. Installments of 649 shares each will vest annually on April 26, 2019, 2020, and 2021.
  - 974 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
- (3) 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.
  - 973 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
- (4) 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.
- (5) Total 8,000 Restricted Stock Units (RSU) were granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the 2016 ICP. Options vest annually in five equal installments on September 1st of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- 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 666 shares each will vest annually on July 27, 2018, 2019, and 668 shares on 2020.
  - 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 PRSU
- (7) 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.
  - 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
- (8) 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.

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(9) 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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