

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Howard Kevin Joseph

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP
 [SNV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 120
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/11/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and Chief Credit Officer

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2017 | | A | 450 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 41.77 | 55,137 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2017 | | F | 1,093 ⁽³⁾ | \$ 41.77 | 54,044 | D |

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. Nu |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Howard Kevin Joseph P.O. BOX 120 COLUMBUS, GA 31902 | | | EVP and Chief Credit Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Mary Maurice Young 02/14/2017

__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).

On February 16, 2016, the reporting person reported the grant of certain market restricted stock units (the "MRSUs"). The MRSUs have a service-based vesting component as well as a Total Shareholder Return Multiplier. On February 11, 2017, pursuant to the terms of the

- (1) service-based vesting component of the MRSUs, the first tranche of such award vested. Based upon the Total Shareholder Return Multiplier, the reporting person received 450 additional shares of the Company's restricted stock, such shares representing the amount vested in excess of the target amount of MRSUs initially reported on Form 4 in February 2016.
- (2) Includes 30 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- (3) These shares were withheld upon the vesting of MRSUs to pay tax withholding obligations.

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