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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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 TAYLOR JOHN Issuer Symbol HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 848 GREENRIDGE DRIVE 07/29/2016 below)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

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Person

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA 91011

| (City)                                   | (State) (Zi                          | ip) Table   | I - Non-De                             | rivative S  | ecurit                         | ies Acq    | uired, Disposed  | of, or Beneficia   | illy Owned  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>onAcquirec<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3, | l (A) of l of (D) 4 and (A) or | <b>)</b> ) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                          | 07/29/2016                           |   | A                                      | 512   | A                              | (1)        | 512  | I  | THE<br>TAYLOR<br>LIVING<br>TRUST                                  |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(Restricted<br>Stock) | 07/29/2016                           |   | A                                      | 1,572   | A                              | (2)        | 1,572  | I  | THE<br>TAYLOR<br>LIVING<br>TRUST                                  |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right<br>To Buy)                | \$ 4.26   | 07/29/2016                           |   | A                                      | 28,136  | 08/01/2016   | 11/19/2021         | Common<br>Stock   | 28,136                              |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TAYLOR JOHN 848 GREENRIDGE DRIVE X LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA 91011

## **Signatures**

John Taylor 08/02/2016

\*\*Signature of 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).
- Received in exchange for 728 shares of Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. ("Wilshire") common stock in connection with merger of Wilshire
- (1) Bancorp, Inc. into HOPE Bancorp, Inc. (former BBCN Bancorp, Inc.)(the "Merger"). On the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of Wilshire's common stock was \$10.74 per share, and the closing price of HOPE Bancorp, Inc. was \$15.37 per share.
- (2) Received in exchange for 2,235 shares of Wilshire common stock (Restricted Stock) in connection with the Merger
- (3) Received in the Merger in exchange for a stock option to acquire 40,000 shares of Wilshire common stock

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