

First Foundation Inc.
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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 *
KAVANAUGH SCOTT F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

18101 VON KARMAN, SUITE 700

(Street)

IRVINE, CA 92612

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Foundation Inc. [FFWM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/03/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

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)		
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price				
Common Stock	02/03/2017		M		3,090 (1)	A	(2) 795,114 (3)	I	by family trust
Common Stock							70,000 (4)	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. P Der Sec (Ins			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
RSU	(2)					02/02/2018	02/03/2018	Common Stock	3,090 (1)		
Option	\$ 5 (5)					09/17/2010	09/16/2017	Common Stock	320,000 (5)		
Option	\$ 7.5 (5)					01/27/2012	01/26/2019	Common stock	40,000 (5)		
Option	\$ 7.5 (5)					10/25/2014	10/25/2021	Common Stock	160,000 (5)		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KAVANAUGH SCOTT F 18101 VON KARMAN SUITE 700 IRVINE, CA 92612	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

'/s/ John M Michel attorney in fact for Scott F. Kavanaugh'
02/03/2017

**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).

- (1) On January 18, 2017 First Foundation Inc.'s common stock split 2 for 1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of twice as many RSUs as of such date
- (2) Restricted stock unit grant, no exercise price
- (3) On January 18, 2017 First Foundation Inc.'s common stock split 2 for 1, resulting in the reporting person's indirect ownership of 396,012 additional shares of common stock as of such date

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- (4) On January 18, 2017 First Foundation Inc.'s common stock split 2 for 1, resulting in the reporting person's direct ownership of 35,000 additional shares of common stock as of such date
- (5) On January 18, 2017 First Foundation Inc.'s common stock split 2 for 1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of twice as many options with an exercise price being reduced by 50% as of such date

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