

Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

April 29, 2020

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

HOPE BANCORP INC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of incorporation)

000-50245

(Commission File Number)

95-4849715

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3200 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1400
Los Angeles, California 90010**

(Address of principal executives offices, including zip code)

(213) 639-1700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common Stock , par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of class)

HOPE

(Trading Symbol)

NASDAQ Global Select Market

(Name of exchange on which registered)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 4, 2020, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) issued an order under Section 36 (Release No. 34-88318) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”), granting exemptions from specified provisions of the Exchange Act and certain rules thereunder. On March 25, 2020, the order was modified and superseded by a new SEC order (Release No. 34-88465), which provides conditional relief to public companies that are unable to timely comply with their filing obligations as a result of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak (the “SEC Order”).

Hope Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) is relying on the SEC Order to extend the due date of information required by Part III (Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) of Form 10-K due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, disruptions caused by continuing statewide lockdown, isolation, and quarantine have resulted in more limited support from and access to key personnel, as well as communications and similar delays among such persons. The Company will file the information required by Part III as part of its definitive proxy statement for the 2020 annual meeting of stockholders no later than June 12, 2020, which is 45 days from the original due date.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HOPE BANCORP, INC.

Date: April 29, 2020

By: /s/ Alex Ko

Alex Ko

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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