

First Foundation Inc.  
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 \*  
MICHEL JOHN

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
18101 VON KARMAN AVENUE, SUITE 700  
(Street)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

IRVINE, CA 92612  
(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                    | 02/03/2017                           |  | M                              | 1,510 (1) A (2)   | 52,020 (3)  | 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)**

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| 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)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/03/2018   | 02/03/2018  | Common Stock      | 1,510 (1)       |       |                            |
| Option                                     | \$ 5 (4)   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/17/2010   | 09/16/2017  | Common Stock      | 120,000 (4)     |       |                            |
| Option                                     | \$ 7.5   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/27/2012   | 01/26/2019  | Common Stock      | 14,000 (4)      |       |                            |
| Option                                     | \$ 7.5 (4)   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/25/2014   | 10/25/2021  | Common Stock      | 80,000 (4)      |       |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| MICHEL JOHN<br>18101 VON KARMAN AVENUE<br>SUITE 700<br>IRVINE, CA 92612 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

'/s/ John Michel' 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 ownership of 25,255 additional shares of common stock as of such date
- (4) 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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