HOPE BANCORP INC Form 8-K May 07, 2018

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 7, 2018

HOPE BANCORP, INC.(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)Delaware000-5024595-4849715(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)of incorporation)3200 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1400, Los Angeles, CA90010(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 639-1700.

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)

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[] 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))

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 May 7, 2018, Hope Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its intention to offer \$200 million aggregate principal amount of its convertible senior notes due 2038 (the "Notes"). The press release also announced Company board approval of a share repurchase program that authorizes the Company to use up to \$100 million of the proceeds from the convertible notes offering to repurchase up to \$100 million of its common stock from purchasers of the Notes in privately negotiated transactions and in open market repurchases following the pricing of the Notes. The full text of the press release is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

Press release issued on May 7, 2018 by the Company.

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: May 7, 2018 /s/ Kevin S. Kim Name: Kevin S. Kim Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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