

KELLER ULRICH E. JR
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KELLER ULRICH E. JR

(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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2018

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)
 Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 2,191,770 | I | by family trust |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 20,000 | D | Â |
| Common stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 200,000 | I | by spouse |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option | \$ 8.25 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 10/25/2014 10/24/2024 | Common stock | 80,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KELLER ULRICH E. JR 18101 VON KARMAN SUITE 700 IRVINE, CA 92612 | Â X | Â | Â Chairman | Â |

Signatures

'/s/ John M Michel attorney in fact for Ulrich E. Keller Jr.' 02/22/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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