### KELLER ULRICH E. JR

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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

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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 * KELLER ULRICH E. JR			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol First Foundation Inc. [FFWM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	()
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner
18101 VON KARMAN, SUITE 700			08/10/2017	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)
				Chairman
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person
IRVINE, CA 92612				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Code Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common \$ 5.5 by family 08/10/2017 M 6,800 A 2,287,970 I (1) Stock trust Common by family 08/10/2017 S 6,800 D 2,281,170 I 17.13 Stock trust Common by family Ι 08/14/2017 M 6,800 2,287,970 Stock trust Common by family S 08/14/2017 6,800 D \$ 17.1 2,281,170 Ι Stock trust Common 20,000 D Stock

Common Stock 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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	<b>.</b>	ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	t of ying ies	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 1	Amount or Number of Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

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

## **Signatures**

'/s/ John M Michel attorney in fact for Ulrich E. Keller, Jr.'

08/14/2017 Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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### **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) Option Exercise Price

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