

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 4720

June 28, 2017

Douglas J. Goddard Chief Financial Officer Hope Bancorp, Inc. 3200 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1400 Los Angeles, California 90010

Re: Hope Bancorp, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

Filed May 18, 2017 File No. 000-50245

Dear Mr. Goddard:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ John P. Nolan

John P. Nolan Senior Assistant Chief Accountant Office of Financial Services