

First Foundation Inc.
Form 8-K
March 21, 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): March 17, 2018

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 001-36461 | 20-8639702 |
| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission | (IRS Employer |
| of incorporation) | File Number) | Identification Number) |

18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700

Irvine, California 92612

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 202-4160

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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:

Written
communications
pursuant to Rule
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Securities Act (17
CFR 230.425)
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pursuant to Rule
14a-12 under the
Exchange Act (17
CFR 240.14a-12)
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.

Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain
Item Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.
5.02

On March 17, 2018, Gerald L. Larsen, Esq. submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors of First Foundation Inc. (the “Company”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, First Foundation Bank (the “Bank”), effective immediately. The decision of Mr. Larsen to resign was not the result of any disagreement with the Company or the Bank on any matter relating to the respective operations, policies or practices of the Company or the Bank.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | <u>Press Release dated March 20, 2018.</u> |
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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.

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

Date: March 20, 2018 By: /s/ JOHN M. MICHEL
John M. Michel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer