

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶
SEE STATEMENT 1

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ SEE STATEMENT 1

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ SEE STATEMENT 2

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

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Signature ▶ *[Handwritten Signature]* Date ▶ 9/12/16
Print your name ▶ Douglas Grigorian Title ▶ CFO

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FEIN: 95-4849715
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PART I: Reporting Issuer

Part I Boxes 9-12 *Security Information*

Hope Bancorp, Inc.
Common Stock
CUSIP # 43940T109
Ticker Symbol: HOPE

BBCN Bancorp, Inc.
Common Stock
CUSIP # 073295107
Ticker Symbol: BBCN

Wilshire Bancorp, Inc.
Common Stock
CUSIP # 97186T108
Ticker Symbol: WIBC

PART II: Organization Action

Part II Box 14. *Description of Organizational Action*

Effective July 29, 2016, BBCN Bancorp, Inc. ("BBCN") completed its merger with Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. ("Wilshire"), pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 7, 2015, between BBCN and Wilshire. In the transaction, Wilshire merged with and into BBCN, with BBCN surviving the merger. Concurrently, Wilshire Bank merged with and into BBCN Bank, with BBCN Bank surviving the merger pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Bank Merger.

Part II Box 15-16. *Description of Quantitative Effects and Description of the Calculation of the Change in Basis*

The merger was a tax-free reorganization under section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, upon completion of the merger, each share of Wilshire Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the merger will be converted into 0.7034 duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of BBCN. Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional shares, amounting to the product of the fractional share interest to which the shareholder is entitled and the closing price on NASDAQ for a share of BBCN Common Stock on the last day of trading before the merger date.

Part II Boxes 17-18 *Applicable Internal Revenue Code Section and Resulting Losses Recognized*

In general, the income tax consequences to the former Wilshire shareholders are determined under Internal Revenue Code sections 354, 356, 358 and 1001.

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Wilshire shareholders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. tax purposes on the receipt of common stock pursuant to Section 358(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent shareholders receive cash in lieu of fractional shares these shareholders will recognize gain or loss with respect to such payment, measured by the difference between the amount of cash received and the basis of such fractional shares, pursuant to Code Section 1001(a).

Part II Box 19. *Other Information and Applicable Tax Year*

The merger is effective on July 29, 2016. Any gain or loss recognized with respect to the merger should be reported by Wilshire shareholders in the tax year which includes July 29, 2016 (e.g. calendar year shareholder would report the transaction on his or her federal income tax return filed for the 2016 calendar year).

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