

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Bennett Halle J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
 [BANC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/01/2016

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

C/O BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC., 18500 VON KARMAN AVE, SUITE 1100

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

IRVINE, CA 92612

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 07/01/2016 | | A | | 6,078 (1) | A | \$ 0 (2) |
| | | | | | 21,435.7552 | D | |

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)

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| 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 10.9 | | | | | (3) 07/01/2024 | Common Stock | 918 |
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Benett Halle J.
C/O BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
18500 VON KARMAN AVE, SUITE 1100
IRVINE, CA 92612

Signatures

/s/ James J. McKinney,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/06/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).

- Represents shares of restricted stock, which shares will vest annually in substantially equal installments over a five-year period beginning on the one-year anniversary of the grant date. In accordance with the Restricted Stock Agreement, by and between the Reporting Person and the Issuer, dated July 1, 2016 (the "Restricted Stock Agreement"), in the event the Reporting Person is subject to a Qualified Termination of Service (as defined in the Restricted Stock Agreement, a form of which was filed as exhibit 10.14G to the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014), this award will automatically become fully vested.
- (1) Shares issued to the Reporting Person as consideration for his service on the Issuer's Board of Directors, pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
 - (2) Shares issued to the Reporting Person as consideration for his service on the Issuer's Board of Directors, pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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- Options will vest annually in substantially equal installments over a five-year period beginning on the one-year anniversary of the grant date. In accordance with the Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement, by and between the Reporting Person and the Issuer (the "Option Agreement"), in the event the Reporting Person is subject to a Qualified Termination of Service (as defined in the Option Agreement, a form of which was filed as exhibit 10.14F to the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014), this award will automatically become fully vested.
- (3)

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