

Howard Kevin Joseph
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Howard Kevin Joseph

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP
 [SNV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 120
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/08/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and Chief Credit Officer

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2018 | | A | | 3,812 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 47.23 50,302 D |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2018 | | A | | 2,541 <u>(2)</u> | A | \$ 47.23 52,843 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)

| 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) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Howard Kevin Joseph P.O. BOX 120 COLUMBUS, GA 31902 | | | EVP and Chief Credit Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Mary Maurice Young 02/12/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These shares are subject to performance stock units (the "PSUs"). The PSUs have a service-based vesting component as well as performance vesting requirement. Under the service-based vesting component, the PSUs vest 100% after three years subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Synovus. Under the performance vesting component, two performance measures

- (1) (weighted average return on average assets and weighted average return on tangible common equity) are measured over a three-year performance period, with each measure applying to one-half of the PSUs awarded to the reporting person. The actual payout of the PSUs may range from 0% to 150% of the target amount based upon the results of the two performance measures during the performance period compared to the performance formula approved by the Compensation Committee of Synovus' Board of Directors.

These shares are subject to market restricted stock units (the "MRSUs"). The MRSUs have a service-based vesting component as well as a Total Shareholder Return Multiplier vesting component. Under the service-based vesting component, the MRSUs vest 1/3 each year

- (2) over a three-year period subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Synovus. Under the Total Shareholder Return multiplier based component, the target amount of MRSUs which vest each year may be adjusted upward or downward 25% based upon Synovus' total shareholder return during each year.

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