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#### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Addr Woods Karen I	ess of Reporting Perso	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 255 EAST 5TH 2900	(First) (Middle	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) General Counsel			
CINCINNATI,	(Street) OH 45202	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Ac	equired, Dispose	d of, or Benefi	cially 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common	04/01/2018		Code V	Amount 14,828	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Stock Common Stock	04/01/2018		A	622	A	(1)	622	I	By 401k
Common Stock	04/02/2018		A	3,224	A	\$0	3,224	I	Restricted
Common Stock	04/02/2018		A	1,075	A	\$0	1,075	I	Restricted-P

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	it of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Woods Karen B 255 EAST 5TH STREET, SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

General Counsel

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Billie L. Meents, POA 04/03/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

### **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).

Received pursuant to the merger agreement between First Financial Bancorp. ("First Financial") and MainSource Financial Group, Inc. ("MainSource"), dated July 25, 2017 (the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which MainSource was merged with and into First Financial on April 1, 2018 (the "Effective Time"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, as of the Effective Time, (i) each issued and outstanding share of MainSource's common stock converted into the right to receive 1.3875 shares of First Financial common stock and cash in lieu

(1) of fractional shares (the "Merger Consideration"), and (ii) each outstanding restricted share and each outstanding performance share unit fully vested and was cancelled and converted automatically into the right to receive the Merger Consideration in respect of each share of MainSource's common stock underlying such award, less applicable tax withholdings. On the trading day immediately preceding Effective Date, the closing price of MainSource's common stock was \$40.65 per share and the closing price of First Financial's common stock was \$29.35 per share.

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