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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Rahe Maribeth S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
255 EAST FI 2900	IFTH STREI	ET, SUITE	05/26/2016	ceion)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/26/2016		D	1,586 (1)	D	\$ 19.66	1,405	I	Restricted
Common Stock	05/26/2016		A	1,586 (1)	A	\$ 19.66	12,293	D	
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)							9,398	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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				Coue v	(A) (D)			Share	es	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Rahe Maribeth S 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X						

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. 05/27/2016 Meents, POA **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).
- (1) Vesting of restricted stock award.

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