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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Ringwald Bradley J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]				Ρ	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 255 EAST 5TH STREET, SUITE			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2017				ded	Director 10% Owner   Officer (give title Other (specify    below)  below)    President, Community Banking				
2900 2900	JIN SIKEEI,A	SUILE										
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
CINCINN	ATI, OH 4520	2						_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>												
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Date, if Transaction Acquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) //Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	11,230	D	Â		
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	10,049	Ι	Restricted		
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	5,144	I	Restricted-P		
Common	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	1,578 <u>(1)</u>	Ι	By 401(k)		

## Stock

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Tit Amou Unde: Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D So B O E I S Fi (I
				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
, e	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ringwald Bradley J 255 EAST 5TH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	President, Community Banking	Â			
Signatures							

/s/ Billie L.	02/02/2010			
Meents, POA	02/02/2018			
**Signature of Reporting	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).
- (1) Shares held in 401(k) account updated per 12/31/17 statement.

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