FIRST BANCORP /PR/

Form 4

March 23, 2017

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Washington, D.C. 20549

if no longer STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to **SECURITIES** Section 16.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Romero Pedro Issuer Symbol FIRST BANCORP /PR/ [FBP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1519 PONCE DE LEON AVE 03/21/2017 below) SVP and CAO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN JUAN, PR 00908 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Owned

1.Title of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Instr. 3) Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price First BanCorp $A^{(1)}$ 25,000 A 03/21/2017 134,116 D Common Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer 10% Owner Other Director

Romero Pedro

1519 PONCE DE LEON AVE SVP and CAO

SAN JUAN, PR 00908

Signatures

/s/Pedro A. 03/23/2017 Romero

**Signature of Date Reporting 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).

Issued pursuant to the First BanCorp Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended. The shares shall fully vest solely on the basis of the passage of time over a two year period on March 21, 2019. Notwithstanding vesting, the reporting person will be restricted from transferring the shares pursuant to additional TARP related restrictions.

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