Sarver Robert Gary Form 4 January 30, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

(Middle)

(Zip)

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sarver Robert Gary

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

(Check all applicable)

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE

(State)

(First)

BANCORPORATION, ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2018

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chairman and CEO

(Street) 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

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivativ | e Secu | rities Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Benefic | cially 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 on(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 | 01/26/2018 | | F | 5,480 | D | \$ 59.41 | 48,520 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/27/2018 | | F | 7,983 | D | \$ 59.41 | 40,537 | D | |
| | | | | | | | | | Robert G. |

Common Sarver Trust 149,432 I Stock dated 09/29/1997

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| Common Stock | 639,882 | I | Sarver Family Trust dated 09/29/1997 |
|-----------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 30,000 | I | Spouse |
| Common Stock | 89,822 | I | SF III Ltd Partnership |
| Common Stock | 33,105 | I | Vulture II Corporation |
| Common Stock | 5,000 | I | Children |
| Common Stock | 6,185 <u>(1)</u> | I | 401K Plan |
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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. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------------|-------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | J |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | 5 |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | J |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | (|
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | J |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | J |
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| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Sarver Robert Gary | X | | Chairman | | | | |
| C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION | | | and CEO | | | | |
| ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400 | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners 2 PHOENIX, AZ 85004

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons (Attorney-in-fact) 01/30/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects shares held in the 401K Plan to include employer match as of 1/18/18.

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