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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WAGERS GARY W

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

BANNER CORP [BANR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify below)

10 SOUTH 1ST AVENUE

04/02/2018

below) Executive VP, Banner Bank

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

	(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or l							y Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired etion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/02/2018		F	103 (1)	D	\$ 55.29 (2)	19,347 <u>(3)</u>	D	
	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/02/2018		A	1,025 (4)	A	\$ 54.88 (5)	20,372 (3)	D	
	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/02/2018		A	1,537 (<u>6)</u>	A	\$ 54.88 <u>(5)</u>	21,909 (3)	D	

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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.	Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amount	of	Derivative	
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underlyi	ing	Security	
	(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securities	(Instr. 5)		
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WAGERS GARY W 10 SOUTH 1ST AVENUE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

Executive VP, Banner Bank

Signatures

/s/Gary W. Wagers 04/03/2018

**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).
- (1) Shares relinquished to cover tax obligations on vesting of 415 shares of restricted stock pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) Market price on March 29, 2018.
- (3) Includes direct ownership of 955 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 452 shares through 401(k) Plan.
- Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares vest ratably over a three-year period beginning on April 2, 2018 and ending on the third anniversary thereof. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

(5) Market price on April 2, 2018.

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Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan and is subject to the achievement of specified corporate and individual performance goals over a period that began on January 1, 2018 and ends on December 31, 2020. The extent to which the award vests, if at

(6) all, depends on the extent to which the performance goals are satisfied. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

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