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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Williams Thomas James | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HANMI FINANCIAL CORP [HAFC] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| 3660 WILSHIRE BI | (First) LVD., PH-A | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2017 | | | | Office | r (give title belo | ow) | Other (specify be | elow) | | |
| (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 Person | | | | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | | (7) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 7 | [able | I - Non | -Derivativ | Securitie | s Acqui | ired, Disp | osed of, or l | Beneficially | Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | e, if Code (Instr. 8) | | action 4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) | Beneficia Reported | nt of Securities Ily Owned Following Transaction(s) | | Ownership Form: | Beneficial |
| | | | (Month/Day/Yea | | Code | V Amo | (A) or | Price | , | | Owners or Indirect (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | 12/15/2017 | | | A | 35 (| | \$ 0 | 1,774 | | | D | |
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| | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Williams Thomas James 3660 WILSHIRE BLVD., PH-A LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Thomas Williams | 12/19/2017 |
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| **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).
- Restricted stock grant issued under the 2013 Equity Compensation Plan with vesting over one year from the grant date, December 15, 2017.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

- I, THOMAS J. WILLIAMS, of [REDACTED], do hereby make, constitute and appoint JULIET STONE or VIVIAN KIM ("Attorneys-In-Fact"), having an address at 3660 Wilshire Blvd., Suite PH-A, Los Angeles, CA 90010, to act as my true and lawful attorney for the purposes hereinafter set forth, effective as of this 3 day of June, 2016.
- I hereby grant to my Attorney-In-Fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, the power to:
- 1. if necessary, prepare, execute and submit to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes, passwords, and passphrases enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- 2. execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as an officer, director or stockholder of HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), any Forms 3, 4 and 5 or any amendments thereto, in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act;
- 3. do and perform any and all acts for and on my behalf that many be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 and 5 and any amendments thereto, and to timely file such form or amendment with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 4. take any other action of any type whatsoever that, in the opinion of my Attorney-In-Fact, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing grant of authority, it being understood that the documents executed by my Attorney-In-Fact pursuant to this limited power of attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as my Attorney-In-Fact may approve.
- I hereby grant to my Attorney-In-Fact full power and authority to do and to perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my Attorney-In-Fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this limited power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. I acknowledge and agree that neither my Attorney-In-Fact nor the Company is assuming any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This limited power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until I am no longer required to file any Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to my holdings of, and transactions in, securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by me in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing Attorney-In-Fact. This limited power of attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this limited power of attorney to be executed this 3 day of June, 2016.

/s/ Thomas J. Williams

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

On 06/03/16 before me, Lindsey Marak, Notary Public, personally appeared Thomas J. Williams who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

Commission #2139142

My Commission Expires: 01/03/2020