

BLUNDEN CRAIG G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BLUNDEN CRAIG G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [PROV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3756 CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

RIVERSIDE, CA 92506

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01	03/13/2018		M		29,000	A	\$ 7.03
					202,259	(1)	
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01	03/13/2018		S		17,000	D	\$ 18.35
					185,259	(2)	

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 7.03	03/13/2018		M	29,000	08/07/2011	08/07/2018	Common Stock	29,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLUNDEN CRAIG G 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Craig G. Blunden 03/13/2018

**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) Mr. Blunden exercised 29,000 options to acquire 29,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan which vested on August 7, 2011.
- (2) Ownership of 185,259 shares includes the 15,000 share restricted stock awarded on September 30, 2014 from the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan which vests on September 30, 2018; and, indirect ownership of 29,568 shares in Mr. Blunden's Employee Stock Ownership Plan account.
- (3) Mr. Blunden has previously been granted 43,000 options to acquire 43,000 share of common stock under Provident's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan. Fifty percent of the grant vests on September 30, 2016, fifty percent of the grant vests on September 30, 2018, and the entire grant expires on September 30, 2024. Also, Mr. Blunden has previously been granted 48,000 options to acquire 48,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan. Fifty percent of the grant vests on June 20, 2013, fifty percent of the grant vests on June 20, 2015, and the entire grant expires on June 20, 2021.

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