

Howard Bancorp Inc  
Form SC 13D/A  
December 03, 2018

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D**

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT

TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT

TO RULE 13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 1)

**Howard Bancorp, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, \$0.01 par value**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**442496105**

(CUSIP Number)

**W. Kirk Wycoff**  
**Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P.**  
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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

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November 26, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1	Names of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only) Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P.
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> o
3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds OO
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware
7	Sole Voting Power 0
8	Shared Voting Power 1,451,876
9	Sole Dispositive Power 0
10	Shared Dispositive Power 1,451,876
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,451,876
12	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares <input type="checkbox"/> o
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 7.63% (1)
14	Type of Reporting Person PN

(1) This calculation is based on 19,033,864 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Howard Bancorp, Inc. outstanding as of October 31, 2018, as reported in the 10-Q by the Company for the quarter ending September 30, 2018.

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2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> o
3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds OO
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware
7	Sole Voting Power 0
8	Shared Voting Power 425,387
9	Sole Dispositive Power 0
10	Shared Dispositive Power 425,387
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 425,387
12	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares <input type="checkbox"/> o
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 2.23% (1)
14	Type of Reporting Person PN

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2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> o
3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds OO
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware
7	Sole Voting Power 0
8	Shared Voting Power 1,877,263
9	Sole Dispositive Power 0
10	Shared Dispositive Power 1,877,263
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,877,263
12	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares <input type="checkbox"/> o
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 9.86% (1)
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3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds AF
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware
7	Sole Voting Power 0
8	Shared Voting Power 1,877,263
9	Sole Dispositive Power 0
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1	Names of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only) Ira M. Lubert
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> o
3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds AF
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States
7	Sole Voting Power 0
8	Shared Voting Power 1,877,263
9	Sole Dispositive Power 0
10	Shared Dispositive Power 1,877,263
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,877,263
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1	Names of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only) W. Kirk Wycoff
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> o
3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds AF
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States
7	Sole Voting Power 0
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1	Names of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only) James J. Lynch
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> o
3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds AF
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States
7	Sole Voting Power 0
8	Shared Voting Power 1,877,263
9	Sole Dispositive Power 0
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1	Names of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only) James F. Deutsch
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> o
3	SEC Use Only
4	Source of Funds AF
5	Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States
7	Sole Voting Power 0
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**Item 1. Security and Issuer**

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D originally filed on March 10, 2018 (the Schedule 13D) relating to the voting common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Common Stock), of Howard Bancorp, Inc. a Maryland corporation (the Company or the Issuer), whose principal executive offices are located at 3301 Boston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224. Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported on the Schedule 13D.

**Item 2. Identity and Background**

This Amendment is being jointly filed by the parties identified below. All of the filers of this Amendment are collectively referred to as the Patriot Financial Group II. The Joint Filing Agreement of the members of the Patriot Financial Group II is filed as Exhibit 1 to this Amendment.

(a)-(c) The following are members of the Patriot Financial Group II:

- Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the Patriot Fund II);
- Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the Patriot Parallel Fund II and together with the Patriot Fund II, the Funds);
- Patriot Financial Partners GP II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and general partner of the Funds (Patriot GP II);
- Patriot Financial Partners GP II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and general partner of Patriot GP II (Patriot II LLC);
- W. Kirk Wycoff, Ira M. Lubert and James J. Lynch serve as general partners of the Funds and Patriot GP II and as members of Patriot II LLC; and
- James F. Deutsch is a member of the Funds Investment Committee.

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The Funds are private equity funds focused on investing in community banks and financial service-related companies throughout the United States. The principal business of Patriot GP II is to serve as the general partner of and to manage the Funds. The principal business of Patriot II LLC is to serve as the general partner of and to manage Patriot GP II. The principal employment of Messrs. Wycoff, Lubert, Lynch and Deutsch is investment management with each of the Funds, Patriot GP II and Patriot II LLC.

The business address of each member of the Patriot Financial Group II is c/o Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P., Cira Centre, 2929 Arch Street, 27th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104.

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(d) During the last five years, no member of the Patriot Financial Group II has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the last five years, no member of the Patriot Financial Group II has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Each natural person who is a member of the Patriot Financial Group II is a citizen of the United States.

### **Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration**

Patriot Financial Group II beneficially owns an aggregate of 1,877,263 shares of Common Stock acquired at an aggregate cost of approximately \$23.3 million, which includes the cost of the shares acquired in 1st Mariner Bank, which merged with and into the Company on August 14, 2017. Since the last 13D filing dated March 1, 2018, Patriot Financial Group II has acquired 214,864 shares at an aggregate cost of \$3,338,495. The Funds' purchases, including of all of the incremental shares, were made with working capital of the Funds through a line of credit in the normal course of business and then paid down from the proceeds received from investor capital calls.

### **Item 4. Purpose of Transaction**

The Funds acquired the Common Stock for reported herein for investment purposes to profit from the appreciation in the market price of the Common Stock and through the payment of dividends, if any. The acquisition of shares of Common Stock was not motivated by an intent to exercise control, directly or indirectly, over the management, policies or business operations of the Issuer. Subject to applicable federal and state securities laws, Patriot Financial Group II may dispose of shares of the Common Stock from time to time, subject to market conditions and other investment considerations, and may cause shares of the Common Stock to be distributed in kind to investors. To the extent permitted by applicable bank regulatory limitations, each member of the Patriot Financial Group II may directly or indirectly acquire additional shares of Common Stock or associated rights or securities exercisable for or convertible into Common Stock, depending upon an ongoing evaluation of its investment in the Common Stock and securities exercisable for or convertible into Voting Common Stock, applicable legal restrictions, prevailing market conditions, liquidity requirements of such member of the Patriot Financial Group II and/or investment considerations.

Other than as described in this Item 4, each member of the Patriot Financial Group II has no present plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the events set forth in Items 4(a) through (j) of Schedule 13D. However, each member of the Patriot Financial Group II reserves the right to change its plans at any time, as it deems appropriate, in light of its ongoing evaluation of (i) its business and liquidity objectives; (ii) the Company's financial condition, business, operations, competitive position, prospects and/or share price; (iii) industry, economic and/or



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securities markets conditions; (iv) alternative investment opportunities; and (v) other relevant factors.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

Paragraphs (a), (b) and (e) of Item 5 of Schedule 13D are hereby amended and supplemented, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment, by the following:

The percentages used in this Amendment are based upon 19,033,864 outstanding shares of Common Stock as of October 31, 2018, as reported in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2018.

(a) - (b) Patriot Financial Partners II L.P. ( Patriot Fund II ), possesses shared voting and dispositive power and beneficially owns 1,451,876 shares, or 7.63% of the outstanding Common Stock.

Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II L.P. ( Patriot Parallel Fund II and together with Patriot Fund II, the Funds ), possesses shared voting and dispositive power and beneficially owns 425,387 shares, or 2.23% of the outstanding Common Stock.

Because (i) Mr. W Kirk Wycoff, Mr. Ira M. Lubert, and Mr. James J. Lynch (collectively, the Individuals ) serve as general partners of the Funds and Patriot Financial Partners GP, L.P. ( Patriot GP ), and as members of Patriot Financial Partners GP, LLC ( Patriot LLC ), and (ii) Patriot LLC serves as general partner of Patriot GP, and (iii) Patriot GP serves as general partner of the Funds and (iv) Mr. James F. Deutsch serves as a member of the Funds Investment Committee, each of the Individuals, Mr. Deutsch, Patriot LLC and Patriot GP may be deemed to possess shared voting and dispositive power over the 1,877,263 shares of Common Stock, or 9.86%, of the outstanding Common Stock.

(c) The Funds have completed the following open market, broker-assisted transactions with respect to the Common Stock during the 60 days prior to the date of the event which requires filing of this Amendment: (i) on September 26, 2018, Patriot Fund II purchased 9,403 shares of Common Stock and Patriot Parallel Fund II purchased 1,097 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$16.9033 per share; (ii) on October 26, 2018, Patriot Fund II purchased 6,895 shares of Common Stock and Patriot Parallel Fund II purchased 805 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$15.4985 per share; (iii) on October 31, 2018, Patriot Fund II purchased 22,510 shares of Common Stock and Patriot Parallel Fund II purchased 2,626 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$15.1658 per share; (iv) on November 2, 2018, Patriot Fund II purchased 12,316 shares of Common Stock and Patriot Parallel Fund II purchased 1,437 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$15.4881 per share; (v) on November 6, 2018, Patriot Fund II purchased 78,603 shares of Common Stock and Patriot Parallel Fund II purchased 9,172 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$15.4999 per share; (vi) on November 20, 2018, Patriot Fund II purchased 25,880 shares of Common Stock and Patriot Parallel Fund II purchased 3,020 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$14.9917 per share and (vii) on November 21, 2018, Patriot Fund II purchased 9,940 shares of





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Common Stock and Patriot Parallel Fund II purchased 1,160 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$15.0000 per share.

(d) Other than the Patriot Financial Group II, no other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the securities of the Company referred to in this Item 5.

(e) Not applicable.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

None.

**Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Exhibit 1</b>	Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2018, by and among Patriot Financial Partners II, LP, Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, LP, Patriot Financial Partners GP II, LP, Patriot Financial Partners GP, LLC, W. Kirk Wycoff, Ira M. Lubert, James J. Lynch and James F. Deutsch.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: December 3, 2018

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member of Patriot Financial Partners GP II, LLC, the general partner of Patriot

Financial Partners GP II, L.P., the general partner of  
Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P.

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS PARALLEL II, L.P.

By:

/s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member of Patriot Financial  
Partners GP II, LLC, the general partner of Patriot  
Financial Partners GP II, L.P., the general partner of  
Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P.

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PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS GP II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member of Patriot Financial  
Partners GP II, LLC., the general partner of Patriot  
Financial Partners GP II, L.P.

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS GP II, LLC

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member

By: /s/ Ira M. Lubert  
Ira M. Lubert

By: /s/ James J. Lynch  
James J. Lynch

By: /s/ James F. Deutsch  
James F. Deutsch

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree that the Schedule 13D to which this Joint Filing Agreement is being filed as an exhibit shall be a joint statement filed on behalf of each of the undersigned.

Date: December 3, 2018

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member of Patriot Financial Partners GP II, LLC, the general partner of Patriot Financial Partners GP II, L.P., the general partner of Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P.

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS PARALLEL II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member of Patriot Financial Partners GP II, LLC, the general partner of Patriot Financial Partners GP II, L.P., the general partner of Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P.

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS GP II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member of Patriot Financial Partners GP II, LLC., the general partner of Patriot Financial Partners GP II, L.P.

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS GP II, LLC

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff  
W. Kirk Wycoff, a member

By: /s/ Ira M. Lubert  
Ira M. Lubert

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By: /s/ James J. Lynch  
James J. Lynch

By: /s/ James F. Deutsch  
James F. Deutsch