WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION Form SC 13G/A February 11, 2019

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.: 5)*

Name of issuer: Western Alliance Bancorp

Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

CUSIP Number: 957638109

Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement: December 31, 2018

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

(X) Rule 13d-1(b)

() Rule 13d-1(c)

() Rule 13d-1(d)
*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.
The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).
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CUSIP No.: 957638109
1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
The Vanguard Group - 23-1945930
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE [LINE] IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
A. B. <u>X</u>
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. CITIZENSHIP OF PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Pennsylvania
(For questions 5-8, report the number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:)
5. SOLE VOTING POWER

51,323

6. SHARED VOTING POWER
11,027
7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
8,382,398
8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
52,536
9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
8,434,934
10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
N/A
11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
7.96%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Act of 1934
Check the following [line] if a fee is being paid with this statement N/A
Item 1(a) - Name of Issuer:
Western Alliance Bancorp
Item 1(b) - Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
One E. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Item 2(a) - Name of Person Filing:
The Vanguard Group - 23-1945930
Item 2(b) – Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, residence:

100 Vanguard Blvd.

Malvern, PA 19355
<u>Item 2(c) – Citizenship</u> :
Pennsylvania
Item 2(d) - Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock
Item 2(e) - CUSIP Number
957638109
Item 3 - Type of Filing:
This statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1. An investment adviser in accordance with $\$240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)$.
<u>Item 4 - Ownership:</u>
(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
8,434,934
(b) Percent of Class:

7.96%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
(i) sole power to vote or direct to vote: 51,323
(ii) shared power to vote or direct to vote: 11,027
(iii) sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of: 8,382,398
(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 52,536
Comments:
<u>Item 5 - Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:</u>
Not Applicable
<u>Item 6 - Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:</u>
Not applicable
<u>Item 7 - Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired The Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company</u> :
See Attached Appendix A

Item 8 - Identification and Classification of Members of Group:
Not applicable
Item 9 - Notice of Dissolution of Group:
Not applicable
Item 10 - Certification:
By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.
<u>Signature</u>
After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.
Date: 02/11/2019
By /s/ Christine M. Buchanan
Name: Christine M. Buchanan
Title: Principal

Appendix A

Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 41,509 shares or .03% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of collective trust accounts.

Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd. ("VIA"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 20,841 shares or .01% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of Australian investment offerings.