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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Andersen Shaza L (Last) (First) (Middle) SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.,Â 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE (Street) OLNEY,Â MDÂ 20832 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	85,890	D ⁽¹⁾	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Andersen Shaza L SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832	X	A	A	A

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact	01/11/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Acquired pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 15, 2017, by and among Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. ("Sandy Spring"), WashingtonFirst Bankshares, Inc. ("WashingtonFirst") and Touchdown Acquisition, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sandy Spring ("Merger Sub"). Merger Sub merged (the "First-Step Merger") with and into WashingtonFirst, with WashingtonFirst continuing as

(1) the surviving entity and immediately thereafter, WashingtonFirst merged with and into Sandy Spring, with Sandy Spring continuing as the surviving entity. At the effective time of the First-Step Merger (the "Effective Time"), each share of WashingtonFirst common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to such time was converted into the right to receive 0.8713 shares of Sandy Spring common stock.

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