

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

February 24, 2021

Scott Kavanaugh Chief Executive Officer First Foundation Inc. 18101 Von Karman Avenune, Suite 700 Irvine, CA 92612

Re: First Foundation Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Period Ending December 31, 2019 Filed March 2, 2020 Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ending September 30, 2020 Filed November 6, 2020 File No. 001-36461

Dear Mr. Kavanaugh:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Finance