CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** CHENG DUNSON K | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| | CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY] | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 777 NORTH BROADWAY | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017 | X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Chairman | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (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) onor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2017 | | S | 40,000 | D | \$ 40.6465 | 233,563 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2017 | | S | 1,417 | D | \$ 40.0792 | 232,146 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2017 | | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 39.4963 | 212,146 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 445,577 | I | Husband & Wife Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 182,452 | I | Nonmarital Share Trust | |

Common Stock 102,904 I B ESOP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title Amour | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
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| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | | | | | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | Number | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| CHENG DUNSON K 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | X | | Executive Chairman | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen,
attorney-in-fact 03/03/2017

**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).

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