#### CITY NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* WARMUTH CHRISTOPHER J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

(Last)

(Middle)

CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN]

(Check all applicable)

400 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

10/31/2009

below) EVP of Issuer; Pres. of Sub

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(City) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.68	10/31/2009		J	V		1,223 (1)	(2)	03/05/2019	Common Stock	1,223

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WARMUTH CHRISTOPHER J 400 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	X		EVP of Issuer; Pres. of Sub			

# **Signatures**

Christopher J.
Warmuth

\*\*Signature of Reporting

Date

Person

## **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).
- Pursuant to limitations and restrictions in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended by the American Recovery and (1) Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Interim Final Regulations thereunder, 1223 options granted to the reported person were forfeited for no consideration as of October 31, 2009 to comply with applicable law.
- (2) The forfeited options were scheduled to vest in four equal installments beginning on March 6, 2010.

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