#### CITY NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D** Issuer Symbol CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director X\_\_ 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify 400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE 12/14/2010 below) President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially 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. Security on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/14/2010		S	3,700	D	\$ 60.67	19,300	I	As Trustee of the ELM 2006 Charitable Annuity Lead Trust
Common Stock							142,220	D	
Common Stock							304,930	I	By Maple Pine Limited Partnership

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Common Stock	2,860,000	I	By the Goldsmith Family Partnership				
Common Stock	138,250	I	By the Russell Goldsmith Trust				
Common Stock	2,912	I	As Trustee of the Kathryn Goldsmith 1985 Trust				
Common Stock	4,134	I	As Trustee of the Brian Goldsmith 1985 Trust				
Common Stock	1,222	I	By California Quintet LLC				
Common Stock	8	I	As Trustee of the West LA Investment Trust No. 1-R				
Common Stock	2,764	I	By CNC Profit Sharing Plan				
Common Stock	7,500	I	By MKB Co. Ltd. (3)				
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.							

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	5. orNumber of Derivativ Securities	(Month/Day/Year) e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities	3	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired				Follo

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(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or

or Number of Shares

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
<b></b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D 400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	X	X	President and CEO					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Russell 12/14/2010 Goldsmith

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting 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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at a price ranging from \$60.56 to \$60.75, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to City National Corporation, any security holder of City National Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the price range set forth in this footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- (2) Shares held in the reporting person's profit sharing plan as of November 30, 2010.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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