

Fitzmaurice Brian
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Fitzmaurice Brian

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CITY NATIONAL BANK, 555 S. FLOWER ST., 11TH FL.

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A		1,607 (1) \$ 0 58,716 (2)	D	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.66	02/22/2012		A	12,469	(3) 02/21/2022	Common Stock	12,469
Cash-Settled Restricted Stock Units	(4)	02/22/2012		A	1,607	(4) (4)	Common Stock	1,607

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fitzmaurice Brian C/O CITY NATIONAL BANK 555 S. FLOWER ST., 11TH FL. LOS ANGELES, CA 90071			EVP & Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

Brian
Fitzmaurice 02/23/2012

**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).
- (1) These shares of Common Stock constitute grants of restricted stock acquired from the registrant and pursuant to the registrant's 2008 Omnibus Plan, as amended.
- (2) Includes 3640 shares of City National Corporation common stock held in the Reporting Person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan as of January 31, 2012.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2013.
- (4) The cash-settled restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2014 and settle in cash.

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