

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
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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 *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
 [CATY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 777 NORTH BROADWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 CEO & President

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 12,110 A | \$ 0 | 14,012 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 4,606 D | \$ 39.42 | 9,406 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 16,564 A | \$ 0 | 25,970 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 6,708 D | \$ 39.42 | 19,262 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 844.55 | I By ESOP |

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- (3) Of the previously reported target award of 10,805 shares of restricted stock unit, 106% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (4) Of the previously reported target award of 10,476 shares of performance-based restricted stock units, 150% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (5) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2016.

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