

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BINGHAM KIM R**

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)  
**03/14/2016**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP - Chief Risk Officer**

**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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2016                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,035 A \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                       | 14,649  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2016                           |  | F <sup>(3)</sup>               | 886 D \$ 28.47  | 13,763  | 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)

| 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 03/14/2016                           |  | M                              | 2,035   | <sup>(4)</sup> / <sup>(4)</sup>                          | Common Stock  | 2,035   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| BINGHAM KIM R<br>777 NORTH BROADWAY<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 |               |           | EVP - Chief Risk Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen,  
attorney-in-fact

03/16/2016

\_\_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) Represents the conversion into Common Stock upon vesting of the restricted stock units reported on Table II
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer
- (3) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.
- (4) The reporting person previously reported the award of 2,035 shares of restricted stock units on Form 4 filed March 17, 2014. All of these restricted stock units vested on March 14, 2016.

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