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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad WONG IRW	ddress of Reporting Person *\frac{*}{IN}	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 777 NORTH	(First) (Middle) I BROADWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/06/2018	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below) SEVP, Chief Operating Officer				
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
LOS ANGE	LES, CA 90012		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date 2A. D (Month/Day/Year) Execu		5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Securities Form: Direct Indirect				

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities ctionAcquired (A) or		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3, Amount	4 and (A) or (D)	5) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock							18,319.71 <u>(1)</u>	I	By ESOP	
Common Stock	06/06/2018		S	6,409	D	\$ 43	34,813.37 (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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

WONG IRWIN 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

SEVP, Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,

06/08/2018 attorney-in-fact

**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) Includes 102.658 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date
- (2) Includes 31.534 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date

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