CHENG DUNSON K

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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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHENG DUNSON K			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		` '	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2019	X Director 10% Owner Selective Other (specify below) Executive Chairman		
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City) (State) (Zip) 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)	on(A) or Di	ccurities Acquired or Disposed of (D) r. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or or ount (D) Price		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					(-)		435,577	I	Husband & Wife Trust
Common Stock							182,452	I	Nonmarital Share Trust
Common Stock							102,904	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	03/01/2019		M(1)	30,392	A	\$ 0	72,753	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2019		F(4)	13,437	D	\$ 38.36	59,316	D	

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Common Stock	03/01/2019	M	2,013	A	\$0	61,329	D
Common Stock	03/01/2019	F(4)	999	D	\$ 38.36	60,330	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/01/2019		M		18,862 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	18,86
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/01/2019		M		2,013	03/01/2019	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,01
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/01/2019		A	10,664		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	10,66

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CHENG DUNSON K							
777 NORTH BROADWAY	X		Executive Chairman				
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012							

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo, 03/05/2019 attorney-in-fact Date **Signature of Reporting Person

2 Reporting Owners

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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).
- Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the Reporting Person from the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units (1) granted on December 17, 2015. Such restricted stock units were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 21, 2015.
- Of the previously reported target award of 18,862 shares of performance-based restricted stock units, 150% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (3) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2018.
- (4) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy tax withholding requirement on vesting of restricted stock units.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- (6) Reporting Person was granted 6,038 restricted stock units on March 1, 2018, with a vesting schedule of 3 annual equal installments beginning March 1, 2019, or earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement, or change in control.
- (7) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in 3 annual equal installments beginning March 1, 2020, or earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement, or change in control.

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