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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			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			[CATY		NEKAL BANCORF	(Chee	ck all applicabl	e)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			_X_ Officer (giv			
777 NORTH BROADWAY			03/11/2019			below) below) EVP, Chief Risk Officer			
		4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
			Filed(Mon	nth/Day/Yo	ear)	Applicable Line)			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non	-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction D	ate 2A. Dee	med	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature o	
Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	on Date, if	Transac	tion(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect	

` *	` '	e 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Deficiency Owned							
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securities Beneficially	Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(IIIstr. 4)
Common Stock	03/11/2019		M(1)	621	A	(<u>2</u>)	28,884	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2019		F(3)	215	D	\$ 36.53	28,669	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)	4. 5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5
			Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/11/2019	M	621	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	621	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BINGHAM KIM R 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

EVP, Chief Risk Officer

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo, attorney-in-fact

03/13/2019

**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 tax withholding requirement on vesting of restricted stock units.
 - The Reporting Person previously reported the award of 607 restricted stock units, based on a closing stock price as of March 9, 2018, on Form 4 filed March 13, 2018. The actual number of restricted stock units issued was 621 based on a closing stock price as of March 8,
- (4) 2018. In addition, such restricted stock units actually vested in full on the date of grant, with the shares of common stock to be distributed on the first anniversary of the date of the grant or immediately upon the death, disability or retirement of the Reporting Person, or a change in control of the Issuer.

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