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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Kim Lisa L. | 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) 03/11/2019 | Director 10% Owner S Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, General Counsel | | |
| (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 ANGELES, CA 90012 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (| (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi n(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 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 | 03/11/2019 | | M(1) | 453 | A | <u>(2)</u> | 7,190 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2019 | | F(3) | 157 | D | \$ 36.53 | 7,033 | 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | Derivati | Expiratio ve (Month/I es d | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|------|
| | | | Code | V (A) (I | Date Exercisab | Expiration le Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/11/2019 | M | 4: | 53 (4) | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 453 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Keiationsnips | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

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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.
- (4) The Reporting Person previously reported the award of 453 shares of restricted stock units on Form 3 filed April 26, 2018. Such restricted stock units vested in full on the date of the grant, and shares of common stock distributed on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

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