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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Gray Nancy Ryan

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS

INC [LGND]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

> (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2017

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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3911 SORRENTO VALLEY

BOULEVARD, SUITE 110

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(State)

08/18/2017

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Owned

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price Code V Amount (D)

913 \$0 913 A A

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)

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number proof 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock (1) | \$ 126.26 | 08/18/2017 | | A | 3,452 | 08/18/2018(2) | 08/18/2027 | Common Stock | 3,452 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Gray Nancy Ryan 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD SUITE 110 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Charles S. Berkman For: Nancy Ryan Gray 08/21/2017

**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) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)
- (2) The option becomes exercisable in 3 successive equal annual installments upon completion of each calendar year of service beginning on the grant date.

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