

CHENG DUNSON K  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/27/2019

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Chairman

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(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) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| 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                    | 03/27/2019                           |  | M                              | 1,298 A \$ 0  | 61,628  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/27/2019                           |  | F(1)                           | 644 D \$ 33.67  | 60,984  | D  |   |

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 03/27/2019                           |  | M                              | 1,298   | 03/27/2019 (3)   | Common Stock  | 1,298                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| CHENG DUNSON K<br>777 NORTH BROADWAY<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | X             |           | Executive Chairman |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,  
attorney-in-fact

03/29/2019

\*\*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) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy tax withholding requirement on vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.

(3) On March 27, 2017, the Issuer awarded 3,893 restricted stock units to the Reporting Person. The restricted stock units vest in three annual installments. The first installment of 1,298 restricted stock units vested on March 27, 2018, the second installment of 1,298 restricted stock units vested on March 27, 2019, and the last installment of 1,297 restricted stock units will vest on March 27, 2020, or earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement or change in control.

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