

Chow Donald Sang
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Chow Donald Sang

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)
 01/02/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 9,921 | A \$ 0 | 25,969 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2018 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 3,902 | D \$ 42.64 | 22,067 | 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. 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/02/2018 | | M | 6,173 (3) | (4) (4) | Common Stock | 6,173 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Chow Donald Sang 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 | | | EVP | |

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,
attorney-in-fact
01/03/2018

**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).

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 18, 2014. 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 24, 2014.
- (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.
- (3) Of this previously reported target award of performance-based restricted stock units, 150% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (4) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2017.

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