

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DAVIS ALISON

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION, 555 S. FLOWER STREET

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/20/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---|--|------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3)     | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                  | Security (Instr. 5) |              |                            |         |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|
|                         |  |                      |                 |  |                  |                  |                  |                     |              |                            |         |
|                         |  |                      |                 |  |                  |                  |                  |                     |              |                            |         |
|                         |  |                      | Code            | V  | (A)              | (D)              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date     | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |         |
| Stock Fund Units (DDCP) | (1)                                      | 04/20/2011           | A               |  |                  |                  | (2)              | (2)                 | Common Stock | 622                        | \$ 56.2 |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

DAVIS ALISON  
 C/O CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION  
 555 S. FLOWER STREET  
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

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## Signatures

Michael B. Cahill,  
 Attorney-in-Fact

04/21/2011

\*\*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) These Stock Fund Units were acquired under the Director Deferred Compensation Plan (DDCP) and convert to stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) The Stock Fund Units are generally distributed upon termination, or following retirement on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.

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