BINGHAM KIM R

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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 * BINGHAM KIM R	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) EVP - Chief Risk Officer
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2018	
777 NORTH BROADWAY		
(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 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012		
(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	03/08/2018		S		1,000	D	$ 43.4	25,208	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 Derivat Securit (Instr. 5
								Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/09/2018		A		607		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	607	$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BINGHAM KIM R
777 NORTH BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			EVP - Chief Risk Officer	

Signatures

| /s/ Georgia Lo,
attorney-in-fact	03/12/2018
**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).

(1)   Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock upon vesting.

(2)   On March 9, 2018, the Issuer granted to the Reporting Person 607 restricted stock units that will vest, in full, on March 9, 2019, or immediately upon the death, disability or retirement of the Reporting Person, or a change in control of the Issuer.

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