

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**777 NORTH BROADWAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/15/2016**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP - Chief Risk Officer**

**LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	13,763	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. 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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/15/2016		A	4,388 (1)	(2) (2)	Common Stock	4,388
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/15/2016		A	2,284 (1)	(2) (2)	Common Stock	2,284
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/15/2016		A	2,194 (1)	(2) (2)	Common Stock	2,194

## 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/ Kim R.  
Bingham

12/19/2016

\_\_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 represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock upon vesting. The number of restricted stock units that are earned can be reduced by up to 100% of the target award or increased by up to 150% of the target award, depending upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.

(2) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 31, 2019, subject to continued employment, but may vest to some extent earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement after December 31, 2018 or a change in control, with the number of units earned being based on the achievement of certain performance criteria.

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