

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
 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 \*  
 CHAN KELLY L

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)  
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/29/2016  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock	12/29/2016		G	V	300	\$ 0	89,680 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock							9,800	I	By spouse
Common Stock							63,073 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Living Trust
Common Stock							0 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	As custodian for son
Common Stock							30,096	I	Partner - Chansons

Common Stock	200,000	I	Properties Trustee - WHFC Trust
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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHAN KELLY L 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Monica Chen,  
attorney-in-fact  
Date: 12/30/2016

\_\_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) 1,782 shares were transferred to Living Trust on 5/12/16 as indirect ownership.
- (2) The reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of the 13,390 shares since the son had reached the age of legal majority.

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