

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
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 \*  
GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE  
(Street)

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/06/2008

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)  
President and CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	06/06/2008		M		2,000	A	\$ 33
Common Stock	06/06/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		900	D	\$ 48
Common Stock	06/06/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D	\$ 48.01
Common Stock	06/06/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	D	\$ 48.39
Common Stock					2,640	I	
							By CNC Profit Sharing Plan

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			(2)
Common Stock	2,860,000	I	By the Goldsmith Family Partnership
Common Stock	417,240	I	By the Russell Goldsmith Trust
Common Stock	304,930	I	By Maple Pine Limited Partnership
Common Stock	7,500	I	By MKB Co. Ltd.
Common Stock	30,000	I	As Trustee of the ELM 2006 Charitable Annuity Lead Trust
Common Stock	4,134	I	As Trustee of the Brian Goldsmith 1985 Trust
Common Stock	2,912	I	As Trustee of the Kathryn Goldsmith 1985 Trust
Common Stock	1,222	I	By California Quintent LLC
Common Stock	8	I	As Trustee of the West LA Investment Trust No. 1-R

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33	06/06/2008		M	2,000	(3) 09/22/2008	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D 400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	X	X	President and CEO	

## Signatures

Michael B. Cahill,  
Attorney-In-Fact

12/29/2008

\*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 30, 2008.
- (2) Shares held in the Reporting Person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan account as of May 30, 2008.
- (3) The stock options vested in four equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 1999.
- (4) The transactions reported in this Form 4 are reflected in Forms 4 subsequently filed by the Reporting Person. This Form 4 was not timely filed due to administrative error.

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