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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Departing Day

1(b).

I. Name and Addres WONG IRWIN	s of Reporting Pers	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]	S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	First) (Midd	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
777 NORTH BR	OADWAY	03/11/2019	SEVP, Chief Admin Officer			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
LOS ANGELES	, CA 90012		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

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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 n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock							18,689.58	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	03/11/2019		M(1)	883	A	(2)	50,877.35	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2019		F(3)	306	D	\$ 36.53	50,571.35	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/11/2019		M	883	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	883	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WONG IRWIN 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

SEVP, Chief Admin Officer

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,

attorney-in-fact 03/13/2019

**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) Represents the conversion into Common Stock upon vesting of the restricted stock units reported on Table II.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- (3) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy tax withholding requirement on vesting of restricted stock units.
 - The Reporting Person previously reported the award of 863 restricted stock units, based on a closing stock price as of March 9, 2018, on Form 4 filed March 13, 2018. The actual number of restricted stock units issued was 883 based on a closing stock price as of March 8,
- (4) 2018. In addition, such restricted stock units actually vested in full on the date of grant, with the shares of common stock to be distributed on the first anniversary of the date of the grant or immediately upon the death, disability or retirement of the Reporting Person, or a change in control of the Issuer.

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