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(Print or Type I	Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Liu Chang			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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2019					Director 10% Owner XOfficer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, Chief Operating Officer		
				ndment, Da nth/Day/Year	-	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOS ANGE	ELES, CA 90012							Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	porting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	emed 3. 4. Securities Acqu on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed o Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) /Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities6.BeneficiallyForm: DirectOwned(D) orFollowingIndirect (I)Reported(Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/11/2019			M <u>(1)</u>	342	А	<u>(2)</u>	842	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2019			F <u>(3)</u>	119	D	\$ 36.53	723	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative	Expiration E (Month/Day	Date	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Derival 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		М	342	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	342	\$ C

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Liu Chang 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			EVP, Chief Operating Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,	
attorney-in-fact	03/13/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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 342 shares of restricted stock units on Form 3 filed February 1, 2019. Such
- (4) restricted stock units vested in full on the date of the grant, and shares of common stock distributed on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

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