Tai Pin Form 4 March 29, 2019

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Tai Pin

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(State)

(Street)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/27/2019

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

CEO & President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

(A)

or

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

5. Amount of

(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

> 893.25 (1) Ι By ESOP

Common Stock

Common

Stock

03/27/2019

M

1,298 A

Code V Amount (D)

\$0

51,723

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivation Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	we Expiration Da (Month/Day/	nte	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/27/2019		M	1,29	8 03/27/2019	(3)	Common Stock	1,298

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Renorting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tai Pin

777 NORTH BROADWAY CEO & President LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,

attorney-in-fact 03/29/2019

**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) Includes 7.503 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- On March 27, 2017, the Issuer awarded 3,893 restricted stock units to the Reporting Person. The restricted stock units vest in three annual installments. The first installment of 1,298 restricted stock units vested on March 27, 2018, the second installment of 1,298 restricted stock units vested on March 27, 2019, and the last installment of 1,297 restricted stock units will vest on March 27, 2020, or earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement or change in control.

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