

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
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**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 \*  
**CHEN HENG W**

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)  
**02/17/2017**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**EVP/CFO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

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	02/17/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		16,514	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/17/2017		F <sup>(2)</sup>		6,305	D	\$ 39.42
Common Stock	02/17/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		22,586	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/17/2017		F <sup>(2)</sup>		10,493	D	\$ 39.42
							78,454
							72,149
							94,735
							84,242

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.



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- (4) Of the previously reported target award of 14,285 shares of performance-based restricted stock units, 150% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (5) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2016.

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