

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
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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 \*  
**WONG IRWIN**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/21/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP - Branch Administration**

**LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/25/2008**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	10,288.33 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	15,940.59	I	By ESOP

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

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(1) Includes 21.64 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date.

(2) The option is fully exercisable.

(3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/20/04.

(4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/17/06.

(5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 1/25/07.

(6) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 2/21/09.

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