

CAHILL MICHAEL B  
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**FORM 4**

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CAHILL MICHAEL B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CITY NATIONAL BANK, 555 S. FLOWER ST., 18TH FL.

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/07/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP, General Counsel, Sect.

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**

| 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 09/07/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 2,500   | A  | \$ 23.68                          |
| Common Stock                    | 09/07/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 2,500   | D  | \$ 53.51                          |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)      | \$ 23.68   | 09/07/2012                           |  | M                              | 2,500   | (1) 03/05/2019   | Common Stock  | 2,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| CAHILL MICHAEL B<br>CITY NATIONAL BANK<br>555 S. FLOWER ST., 18TH FL.<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90071 |               |           | EVP,<br>General<br>Counsel,<br>Sect. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael B.  
Cahill 09/10/2012

\*\*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) The stock options vested in four equal annual installments beginning March 6, 2010.  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at a price ranging from \$53.45 to \$53.55, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to City National Corporation, any security holder of City National Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the price range set forth in this footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- (3) Includes 2,105 shares of City National Corporation common stock held in the Reporting Person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan account as of September 7, 2012.

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