

CITY NATIONAL CORP
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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 *
GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE
 (Street)

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2012 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 12,405 D \$ 0 | 24,810 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 347,924 | I | By the Russell Goldsmith Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,985 | I | As Trustee of the ELM 2006 Charitable Annuity Lead Trust |

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| Common Stock | | | 2,860,000 | I | By the Goldsmith Family Partnership |
| Common Stock | | | 304,930 | I | By Maple Pine Limited Partnership |
| Common Stock | | | 4,134 | I | As Trustee of the Brian Goldsmith 1985 Trust |
| Common Stock | | | 2,912 | I | As Trustee of the Kathryn Goldsmith 1985 Trust |
| Common Stock | | | 76,222 | I | By B.A. Quintet, LLC |
| Common Stock | | | 8 | I | As Trustee of the West LA Investment Trust No. 1-R |
| Common Stock | | | 2,867 | I | By CNC Profit Sharing Plan ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 7,500 | I | By MKB Co. Ltd. ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 70,000 | I | As Trustee of the Grove Trust II |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 5) | Beneficial Ownership Following Report Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|------------|---|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D 400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 | X | X | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Russell
Goldsmith
Date: 12/20/2012
Signature of Reporting Person

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) Gift to trust as part of family estate planning.
- (2) Shares held in the reporting person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan as of December 17, 2012.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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