

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)

12/31/2010

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2010                           |  | G                              | V 464 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 0                                       | 1,222   | I  | By California Quintet LLC                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 19,300  | I  | As Trustee of the ELM 2006 Charitable Annuity Lead Trust |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 142,220   | D  |  |

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|              |  |  |  |           |   |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|-----------|---|--|
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 304,930   | I | By Maple Pine Limited Partnership                  |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 2,860,000 | I | By the Goldsmith Family Partnership                |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 138,250   | I | By the Russell Goldsmith Trust                     |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 2,912     | I | As Trustee of the Kathryn Goldsmith 1985 Trust     |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 4,134     | I | As Trustee of the Brian Goldsmith 1985 Trust       |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 8         | I | As Trustee of the West LA Investment Trust No. 1-R |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 2,764     | I | By CNC Profit Sharing Plan <sup>(2)</sup>          |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 7,500     | I | By MKB Co. Ltd. <sup>(3)</sup>                     |

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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
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| Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Russell  
 Goldsmith 01/04/2011

\*\*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).  
 Represents gift of a 38% membership interest in California Quintet LLC to a Trust for the benefit of family members as part of family estate planning. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of City National Corporation common stock held by California Quintet LLC except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (1) Shares held in the reporting person's profit sharing plan as of December 31, 2010.
- (2) 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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