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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Gray Nancy Ryan

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

08/18/2017

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]

3911 SORRENTO VALLEY **BOULEVARD, Â SUITE 110**

(Street)

Statement

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

X Director Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

(I) (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Date

Expiration Title Amount or Number of

Derivative Security Shares

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

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(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gray Nancy Ryan
3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD SUITE 110

SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121

Signatures

Charles S. Berkman For: Nancy Ryan Gray
08/21/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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