

CITY NATIONAL CORP
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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 *
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)
11/13/2008

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)
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2008 | | P(1) | | 250,000 | A | \$ 42.12 |
| | | | | | 250,000 | I | As Trustee of Apple Trust |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2008 | | P(1) | | 250,000 | A | \$ 42.12 |
| | | | | | 250,000 | I | As Trustee of Coral Trust |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2008 | | P(1) | | 250,000 | A | \$ 42.12 |
| | | | | | 250,000 | I | As Trustee of Birch Trust |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2008 | | P(1) | | 250,000 | A | \$ 42.12 |
| | | | | | 250,000 | I | As Special Trustee of |

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| Common Stock | 11/13/2008 | P ⁽¹⁾ | 250,000 | A | \$ 42.12 | 250,000 | I | BCG 2008 IDIT Trust As Special Trustee of CDG 2008 IDIT Trust |
|--------------|------------|------------------|---------|---|----------|-----------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | | | | | 190,100 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,668 | I | By CNC Profit Sharing Plan ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,860,000 | I | By the Goldsmith Family Partnership |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 417,240 | I | By the Russell Goldsmith Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 304,930 | I | By Maple Pine Limited Partnership |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 7,500 | I | By MKB Co. Ltd. |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 30,000 | I | As Trustee of the ELM 2006 Charitable Annuity Lead Trust |
| 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 | | | | | | 1,222 | I | By California Quintent LLC |

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- (1) Shares acquired as part of family estate planning.
- (2) Shares held in the reporting person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan as of October 31, 2008.

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