

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**

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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)  
**08/26/2008**

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  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/26/2008		M	1,900 A	\$ 33 190,100	D	
Common Stock					2,640	I	By CNC Profit Sharing Plan (2)
Common Stock					2,860,000	I	By the Goldsmith Family Partnership
					417,240	I	

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Common Stock						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
Common Stock		8	I			As Trustee of the West LA Investment Trust No. 1-R

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 Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D	S
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) 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
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33	08/26/2008		M		1,900		<u>(1)</u>	09/22/2008	Common Stock	1,900

## 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 D. Goldsmith, by Michael B. Cahill,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/26/2008

                    \*\*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 February 22, 1999.
- (2) Shares held in the reporting person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan as of July 31, 2008.

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