

CITY NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

February 23, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CAREY CHRISTOPHER J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

400 NORTH 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)

02/22/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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)
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A	(A) or (D) 4,822 (1)	\$ 0	32,978 (2)	D

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)**

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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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.66	02/22/2012		A	37,406	(3) 02/21/2022	Common Stock	37,406
Cash-Settled Restricted Stock Units	(4)	02/22/2012		A	4,822	(4) (4)	Common Stock	4,822

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CAREY CHRISTOPHER J 400 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Christopher J.
Carey 02/23/2012

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) These shares of Common Stock constitute grants of restricted stock acquired from the registrant pursuant to the registrant's 2008 Omnibus Plan, as amended.
- (2) Includes 5739 shares of City National Corporation common stock held in the Reporting Person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan account as of January 31, 2012.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2013.
- (4) The cash-settled restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2014 and settle in cash.

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