

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 \*  
**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)  
 02/16/2011

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)  
 EVP & Chief Financial Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/16/2011		A		5,748 (1)	A	\$ 0 27,266 (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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.89	02/16/2011		A	18,334	(3)	02/15/2021	Common Stock	18,334
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	02/16/2011		A	24,635	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	24,635

## 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  
02/17/2011  
\*\*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).
- (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 4,849 shares of City National Corporation common stock held in the Reporting Person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan account as of January 31, 2011.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 16, 2012.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of City National Corporation common stock.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in two equal installments. 50% of the restricted stock units will vest on February 16, 2016 and 50% of the restricted stock units will vest on February 16, 2017. Vested units convert and are distributed at least six months after termination of employment.

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