

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2016

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-31830 (Commission File Number)	95-4274680 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California (Address of principal executive offices)	90012 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 1, 2016, Cathay General Bancorp (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors of the Company adopted a new stock repurchase program authorizing the Company to repurchase up to \$45,000,000 of the Company’s common stock. The Company also announced that it has completed the repurchase of 2,000,000 shares under the stock repurchase program in effect as of August 31, 2015. Any purchases under the new program will be made from time to time in the open market.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as an Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8–K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated February 1, 2016

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Date: February 1, 2016

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen
Heng W. Chen
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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