

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

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Common Stock	11/13/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	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 <sup>(2)</sup>
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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