



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4720

October 5, 2015

Ms. Lisa L. Kim  
SVP, General Counsel and Secretary  
Cathay General Bancorp  
777 North Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Cathay General Bancorp  
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014  
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A  
Filed April 16, 2015  
File No. 001-31830**

Dear Ms. Kim:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Era Anagnosti

Era Anagnosti  
Legal Branch Chief  
Office of Financial Services