

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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 12, 2016**

THE MACERICH COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

MARYLAND
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-12504
(Commission File Number)

95-4448705
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(310) 394-6000**

N/A
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(c) On February 12, 2016, the Board of Directors of The Macerich Company (the "Company") appointed Robert D. Perlmutter, age 54, as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

Mr. Perlmutter first joined the Company as Executive Vice President of Leasing in April 2012, directing retail leasing. Prior to that, Mr. Perlmutter was the managing member of Davis Street Land Company, a privately-held real estate company focused on the management, development and ownership of upscale shopping centers from 1998 until March 2012. He was also the Chief Executive Officer of Heitman Retail Properties, where he supervised overall operations and growth of its retail holdings from 1990 to 1998.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Perlmutter and any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as an executive officer. There are no family relationships between Mr. Perlmutter and any director or executive officer of the Company, and he has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. The Company did not enter into an employment agreement with Mr. Perlmutter.

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SIGNATURES

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

THE MACERICH COMPANY

By: THOMAS J. LEANSE

February 16, 2016

/s/ Thomas J. Leanse

Date

Senior Executive Vice President,
Chief Legal Officer and Secretary