

**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) **April 25, 2012**

**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**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90401**  
(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

(b) On April 25, 2012, Richard A. Bayer, Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of The Macerich Company, provided notice to the Board of Directors that he will retire from the Company and its subsidiaries, effective as of October 2, 2012.

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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 E. O'HERN

April 27, 2012  
Date

/s/ Thomas E. O'Hern  
Senior Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

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