

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
Form 8-K
December 27, 2016

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): December 20, 2016

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35522
(Commission

File Number)

04-3639825
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**18500 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1100, Irvine,
California**

92612

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (855) 361-2262

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.):

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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.

On December 20, 2016, Halle J. Bennett informed Banc of California, Inc. (the Company) and Banc of California, N.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the Bank), of his decision not to stand for re-election as a director of the Company at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company or as a director of the Bank at the 2017 annual meeting of the sole stockholder of the Bank. Mr. Bennett will continue to serve as a director of the Company and the Bank, respectively, until the end of his current term at each such meeting. Mr. Bennett indicated that his decision not to stand for re-election was for personal reasons, based upon his assessment of the demands of his business activities and employment.

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.

BANC OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Date: December 27, 2016

By: /s/ John C. Grosvenor
John C. Grosvenor
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary