

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 04, 2009

**United States**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **May 4, 2009**

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**City National Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-10521**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-2568550**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**City National Center, 400 North Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, California**      **90210**  
(Address of principal executive offices)      (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(310) 888-6000**

Not Applicable  
(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

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On May 4, 2009, City National Corporation issued a press release announcing it has begun a public offering of its common stock. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Press release dated May 4, 2009.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

**City National Corporation**

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(Registrant)

**/s/ MICHAEL B. CAHILL**

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**May 4, 2009**

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(Date)

Michael B. Cahill

*Executive Vice President, Corporate Secretary and General  
Counsel (Authorized Officer)*