

MACERICH CO  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): **January 5, 2009**

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**1-12504**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-4448705**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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

**90401**  
(Zip Code)

**(310) 394-6000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP as to the validity of the shares
23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**THE MACERICH COMPANY**  
*(Registrant)*

Date: January 5, 2009

By:

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

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