

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2012

**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) **May 18, 2012**

**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 Plaza**  
**555 S. Flower Street, Los Angeles, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90071**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (213) 673-7700

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Declassifying Board of Directors.**

(a) Amendment to Bylaws

On January 18, 2012, the Board of Directors of City National Corporation (the Company ) approved an amendment, effective upon approval at the annual shareholder s meeting on May 9, 2012, to Article III, Section 1 of the Company s Bylaws to provide that each director shall be elected to hold office until the expiration of the term for which they are elected, and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, unless he or she shall resign, become disqualified, disabled, or shall otherwise be removed. A copy of the Bylaws, as amended, is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Title or Description</b>
3.1	City National Corporation Bylaws, as amended May 9, 2012

**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.

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION

May 18, 2012

By: /s/ Michael B. Cahill  
Michael B. Cahill  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary