

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)**

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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