

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2011

**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 20, 2011**

**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)

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

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(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)  
 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 20, 2011, City National Corporation issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. This information is being furnished under Item 2.02 (Results of Operations and Financial Condition) of Form 8-K.

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

- (d) Press release dated January 20, 2011 reporting the financial results of City National Corporation for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010.

**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**

January 20, 2011

/s/ CHRISTOPHER J. CAREY

Christopher J. Carey

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

*(Authorized Officer and Principal Financial Officer)*