

MACERICH CO
Form 8-K
March 14, 2006

**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): **March 14, 2006**

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)

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 5.1 | Opinion of Venable LLP as to the validity of the shares |
| 8.1 | Opinion of O Melveny & Myers LLP as to the tax qualification of the Company |
| 23.1 | Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 23.2 | Consent of O Melveny & Myers LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1) |

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: March 14, 2006

By:

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

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