

DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 22, 2008**

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**DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-13578**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0633413**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**3501 Jamboree Road**  
**Newport Beach, California**  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**92660**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(949) 854-0300**

**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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 19, 2008, Gerald E. Finnell tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Downey Financial Corp. (the "Company"), effective January 22, 2008. Mr. Finnell served as a Class 1 director. In addition, pursuant to authority granted by the Company's

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bylaws, the Board adopted a resolution, effective January 23, 2008, to reduce the total number of directors comprising the full Board from ten (10) to nine (9).

Pursuant to the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws, the Board is divided into three classes of directors that serve staggered 3-year terms. The membership on the Company's Board and the three classes of directors is as follows: Class 1 directors - Gary W. Brummett, Maurice L. McAlister and Daniel D. Rosenthal; Class 2 directors - Michael B. Abrahams, Brent McQuarrie and Lester C. Smull; and Class 3 directors - Michael D. Bozarth, James H. Hunter and Jane Wolfe. Class 1, 2 and 3 directors will continue to hold office until the Company's 2008, 2009 and 2010 Annual Meetings of Stockholders, respectively, and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

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**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.

**DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP.**  
(Registrant)

Date: January 25, 2008

By /s/ Jon A. MacDonald  
Jon A. MacDonald  
General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary