

First California Financial Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 02, 2008

**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

December 2, 2008

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**FIRST CALIFORNIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

000-52498  
(Commission File Number)  
3027 Townsgate Road, Suite 300

38-3737811  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

Westlake Village, CA 91361

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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(805) 322-9655

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 8.01 Other Events**

On December 2, 2008, First California Financial Group, Inc. (the Company), issued a press release announcing the Company's receipt of preliminary approval to participate in the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Purchase Program, with a preliminary commitment for \$25 million in additional preferred equity. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated December 2, 2008

**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 hereunder duly authorized.

FIRST CALIFORNIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Dated: December 2, 2008

By: /s/ ROMOLO SANTAROSA

Name: Romolo Santarosa

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer