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): February 22, 2016

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-33796 (Commission File Number) 26-0630461 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

520 Madison Avenue, 32nd Fl <u>New York, New York</u> (Address of principal executive offices)

10022 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 626-2300

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 17, 2016, Chimera Investment Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of its first quarter cash dividend of \$0.48 per common share. The dividend is payable April 28, 2016, to common stockholders of record on March 31, 2016. The ex-dividend date is March 29, 2016.

The Company distributes dividends based on its current estimate of taxable earnings per common share, not GAAP earnings. Taxable and GAAP earnings will typically differ due to items such as differences in premium amortization, accretion of discounts, unrealized and realized gains and losses, and credit loss recognition. Portions of the dividend may be ordinary income, capital gains or a return of capital.

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.

Chimera Investment Corporation

By: /s/ Rob Colligan

Name: Rob Colligan

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 22, 2016