LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES Form 8-K February 04, 2009

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): February 1, 2009

LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of

1-14045 (Commission File Number) **36-4219376** (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

3 Bethesda Metro Center

Suite 1200

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (301) 941-1500

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 3.02. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

In August 2005, LaSalle Hotel Properties (the <u>Company</u>) acquired the Westin Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts. As part of the consideration to acquire the hotel, the Company s operating partnership, LaSalle Hotel Operating Partnership, L.P. (the <u>Operating Partnership</u>), issued 2,348,888 7.25% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units (liquidation preference \$25 per unit) of the Operating Partnership. The Series C Preferred Units were redeemable for 7.25% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares of Beneficial Interest (liquidation preference \$25 per share), \$.01 par value per share, of the Company on a one-for-one basis. On February 1, 2009, each of the Series C Preferred Units was redeemed and the Company issued 2,348,888 7.25% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares of Beneficial Interest to SCG Hotel DLP, LP. The issuance of the Series C Shares was effected in reliance upon an exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. As a result of the redemption of all of the partnership interests issued in consideration for the hotel, the contingent obligation of the Company to reimburse the seller of the hotel up to \$20 million of taxes related to unrealized taxable gains created at the time of the Company s acquisition of the hotel, as described in the Tax Reporting and Protection Agreement entered into by the Company, has become null and void.

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.

LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

Dated: February 3, 2009

BY: /s/ Hans S. Weger

Hans S. Weger

Hans S. Weger
Executive Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer