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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)
January 4, 2019

READY CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
Of Incorporation)

001-35808
(Commission File Number)

90-0729143
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1140 Avenue of the Americas,
7th Floor
New York, NY 10036
(Address of principal executive offices))
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 257-4600**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 4, 2019, Ready Capital Corporation (“Ready Capital”) issued a press release announcing that it has set a record date for the special meeting of its stockholders to, among other things, consider and vote on a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of common stock of Ready Capital pursuant to the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated November 7, 2018, between Ready Capital, Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc. and ReadyCap Merger Sub, LLC.

Stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 14, 2019 (the “Record Date”) will be entitled to vote at the special meeting expected to occur on February 28, 2019. The ongoing federal government shutdown could affect the timing of the special meeting. The merger, pursuant to which Ready Capital will acquire ORM, is subject to certain customary closing conditions and the receipt of approvals of stockholders of Ready Capital and ORM.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MERGER

In connection with the proposed Merger, Ready Capital has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) (which registration statement has not yet been declared effective) containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus, which joint proxy statement/prospectus has not yet been declared effective, and other documents with respect to the proposed Merger. The joint proxy/prospectus contains important information about the proposed transaction and related matters. **STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT READY CAPITAL, ORM AND THE PROPOSED MERGER.**

Stockholders of Ready Capital and ORM may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed with the SEC by Ready Capital or ORM (if and when they become available) through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed by Ready Capital with the SEC are also available free of charge on Ready Capital’s website at www.readycapital.com. Copies of the documents filed by ORM with the SEC are also available free of charge on ORM’s website at www.owensmortgage.com.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PARTICIPANTS IN SOLICITATION RELATING TO THE MERGER

Ready Capital, ORM and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of Ready Capital and ORM may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Ready Capital’s and ORM’s stockholders in respect of the proposed Merger. Information regarding Ready Capital’s directors and executive officers can be found in Ready Capital’s definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 30, 2018 and Ready Capital’s most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Information regarding ORM’s directors and executive officers can be found in ORM’s definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on June 8, 2018 and ORM’s most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants are included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed Merger if and when they become available. These documents are available free of charge on the SEC’s website and from Ready Capital or ORM, as applicable, using the sources indicated above.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains statements that constitute “forward-looking statements,” as such term is defined in Section 27A of the the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act and such statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provided by the same. These statements are based on current expectations and beliefs of Ready Capital and ORM and are subject to a number of trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements; neither Ready Capital nor ORM can give any assurance that its expectations will be attained.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, but are not limited to, the risk that the Merger will not be consummated within the expected time period or at all; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement; the inability to obtain stockholder approvals relating to the Merger and issuance of shares in connection therewith or the failure to satisfy the other conditions to completion of the Merger; fluctuations in the adjusted book value per share of the shares of both Ready Capital and ORM; risks related to disruption of management’s attention from the ongoing business operations due to the proposed Merger; the effect of the announcement of the proposed Merger on Ready Capital’s and ORM’s operating results and businesses generally; the outcome of any legal proceedings relating to the Merger; changes in future loan acquisition and production; the ability to retain key personnel; availability of suitable investment opportunities; changes in interest rates; changes in the yield curve; changes in prepayment rates; the availability and terms of financing; general economic conditions; market conditions; conditions in the market for small balance commercial loans and other investments; legislative and regulatory changes that could adversely affect the businesses of Ready Capital and ORM; and other factors, including those set forth in the Risk Factors section of Ready Capital’s and ORM’s most recent Annual Reports on Form 10-K and other reports filed by Ready Capital and ORM with the SEC, copies of which are available on the SEC’s website, www.sec.gov. Neither Ready Capital nor ORM undertakes any obligation to update these statements for revisions or changes after the date of this report, except as required by law.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 [Press Release, dated January 4, 2019](#)

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.

Ready Capital Corporation

By: /s/ Frederick C. Herbst
Name: Frederick C. Herbst
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 4, 2019

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Exhibit 99.1



READY CAPITAL ANNOUNCES RECORD DATE AND SPECIAL MEETING DATE FOR MERGER WITH OWENS REALTY MORTGAGE, INC.

New York, New York, January 4, 2019 / PRNewswire / — Ready Capital Corporation (NYSE: RC) (the “Company”) announced today that it has set a record date for the special meeting of its stockholders to, among other things, consider and vote on a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of common stock of the Company pursuant to the previously announced definitive merger agreement with Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc. (NYSEAM:ORM) (“ORM”)

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Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, but are not limited to, the risk that the merger will not be consummated within the expected time period or at all; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement; the inability to obtain stockholder approvals relating to the merger and issuance of shares in connection therewith or the failure to satisfy the other conditions to completion of the merger; fluctuations in the adjusted book value per share of the shares of both the Company and ORM; risks related to disruption of management’s attention from the ongoing business operations due to the proposed merger; the effect of the announcement of the proposed merger on the Company’s and ORM’s operating results and businesses generally; the outcome of any legal proceedings relating to the merger; changes in future loan acquisition and production; the ability to retain key personnel; availability of suitable investment opportunities; changes in interest rates; changes in the yield curve; changes in prepayment rates; the availability and terms of financing; general economic conditions; market conditions; conditions in the market for small balance commercial loans and other investments; and other factors, including those set forth in the Risk Factors section of the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-4 and other reports filed by the Company and ORM with the SEC, copies of which are available on the SEC’s website, www.sec.gov. Neither the Company nor ORM undertakes any obligation to update these statements for revisions or changes after the date of this press release, except as required by law.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This press release may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed merger of the Company and ORM. In connection with the proposed merger, the Company has filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4, which includes a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus. The Company’s stockholders and other interested persons are advised to read the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and, when available, the amendments thereto and the

definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and documents incorporated by reference therein filed in connection with the proposed merger, as these materials will contain important information about the Company, ORM and the proposed merger. When available, the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials for the proposed merger will be mailed to stockholders of the Company as of the Record Date. Stockholders will also be able to obtain copies of the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus, the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference therein, without charge, once available, at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, or on the Company's website at <https://readycapital.com/> or by directing a request to the Company's Investor Relations at InvestorRelations@readycapital.com or at (212) 257-4666.

Participants in Solicitation

The Company, its directors, executive officers and certain employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed merger. Information regarding the Company's directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement filed with the SEC. Additional information regarding these persons and their interests in the proposed merger is included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus relating to the proposed merger that has been filed with the SEC. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

ORM and its directors and executive officers may also be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of the Company in connection with the proposed merger. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the proposed merger are included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed merger.

About Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc.

Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc., a Maryland corporation, is a specialty finance mortgage company organized to qualify as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") that focuses on the origination, investment, and management of commercial real estate mortgage loans. ORM provides customized, short-term acquisition and transition capital to small balance and middle-market investors that require speed and flexibility. ORM's primary objective is to provide investors with attractive current income and long-term shareholder value. Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc. is headquartered in Walnut Creek, California, and is externally managed and advised by Owens Financial Group, Inc.

About Ready Capital Corporation

Ready Capital Corporation (NYSE: RC) is a multi-strategy real estate finance company that originates, acquires, finances and services small- to medium-sized balance commercial loans. The Company specializes in loans backed by commercial real estate, including agency multifamily, investor and bridge as well as SBA 7(a) business loans. Headquartered in New York, New York, the Company employs over 400 lending professionals nationwide. The Company is externally managed and advised by Waterfall Asset Management, LLC.

No Offer or Solicitation

This press release shall not constitute a solicitation of a proxy, consent or authorization with respect to any securities or in respect of the proposed merger. This press release shall also not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any states or jurisdictions in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or an exemption therefrom.

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