#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 450 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 29549

## 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): \_\_\_\_\_April 6, 2016

## THE CATO CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation <u>1-31340</u> (Commission File Number) <u>56-0484485</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)

<u>8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, NC</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices) <u>28273-5975</u> (Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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))

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

Sally Almason, Executive Vice President, Merchandising, is retiring effective April 8, 2016. The Company will initiate a search for her replacement.

### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

### THE CATO CORPORATION

April 7, 2016 Date

April 7, 2016

Date

/s/ John P. D. Cato John P. D. Cato Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ John R. Howe John R. Howe Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer

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