

BLACKROCK CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST  
Form 8-A12B  
July 13, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

BLACKROCK CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation  
or Organization)

51-0409109  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification no.)

100 Bellevue Parkway,  
Wilmington, Delaware  
(Address of Principal  
Executive Offices)

19809  
(Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a  
class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b)  
of the Exchange Act and is effective pursu-  
ant to General Instruction A.(c), please  
check the following box. |X|

If this form relates to the registration  
class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g)  
of the Exchange Act and is effective pursu-  
ant to General Instruction A.(d), please  
check the following box. |\_|

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form  
relates: 333-58228

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class  
to be so Registered  
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Common Stock

Name of Each Exchange on Which  
Each Class is to be Registered  
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New York Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The description of the Registrant's securities to be registered is  
incorporated by reference to the description contained under the caption  
"Description of Shares" in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form

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N-2 (Nos. 333-58228 and 811-10331) as filed electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on April 3, 2001 (Accession No. 0000950172-01-000427) ("Registration Statement on Form N-2"), as amended by Pre-Effective Amendment No.1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the Commission on June 4, 2001 (Accession No. 0000950172-01-500296), and by Pre-Effective Amendment No.2 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the Commission on June 19, 2001 (Accession No. 0000950172-01-502510) which are incorporated by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits, no exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

BLACKROCK CALIFORNIA  
MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST

By: /s/ Ralph L. Schlosstein

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Name: Ralph L. Schlosstein  
Title: Trustee and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: July 12, 2001