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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of February 2019.

Commission File Number 001-33060

DANAOS CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Danaos Corporation c/o Danaos Shipping Co. Ltd. 14 Akti Kondyli 185 45 Piraeus Greece Attention: Secretary 011 030 210 419 6480

(Address of principal executive office)

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- 99.1 Proxy Statement for Special Meeting of Stockholders
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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.

Date: February 1, 2019

DANAOS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Evangelos Chatzis

Name: Evangelos Chatzis Title: Chief Financial Officer

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