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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EAST WEST BANCORP INC
 [EWBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC., 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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PASADENA, CA 91101

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2018 | | S | | 5,000 | D | \$ 68.2864 (1) |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2018 | | M | | 11,300 | A | (2) 49,321 |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2018 | | F | | 3,649 | D | \$ 67.59 45,672 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,072 |
| | | | | | | I | 401 (k) Plan |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/08/2018 | | M | 11,300 | (2) 03/08/2018 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Oh Irene H EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Felicia Yu, as Attorney-in-fact 03/08/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) A total of 5,000 shares were sold at a weighted average price of \$68.2864. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$68.13 to \$68.40, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to East West Bancorp, Inc., any security holder of East West Bancorp, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in the preceding sentence.
- (2) Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units granted on February 27, 2015 fully vest in three years. Number of vested units depends on meeting pre-established performance criteria. As of March 8, 2018, 180.56% of the units granted on February 27, 2015 were earned and vested. On the settlement date, for each vested Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit, the reporting person received one share of Common Stock.

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