

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
GOUW JULIA S

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)
135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/07/2016

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

(Street)
PASADENA, CA 91101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/07/2016		M	13,069	A	13,069	D
Common Stock	03/07/2016		M	10,693	A	23,762	D
Common Stock	03/07/2016		F	7,952	D	\$ 32.07	D

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/07/2016		M	13,069	<u>(1)</u> 03/07/2016	Common Stock	
Time-Based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/07/2016		M	10,693	<u>(2)</u> 03/07/2016	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOUW JULIA S 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101	X		President	

Signatures

/s/ Doulgas P. Krause, as
Attorney-in-fact

03/09/2016

**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) Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units granted on March 7, 2013 fully vest in three years. Number of vested units depends on meeting pre-established performance criteria. As of March 7, 2016, 100% of the units granted on March 7, 2013 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.

(2) Time-Based Restricted Stock Units granted on March 7, 2013 fully vest in three years, vesting is also subject to meeting pre-established earning goals. As of March 7, 2016, 100% of the units granted on March 7, 2013 were earned and vested. On the settlement date, for each vested Time-Based Restricted Stock Unit, the reporting person received one share of Common Stock.

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