GOUW JULIA S Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(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]

(Check all applicable)

Executive Vice President

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2007

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

Issuer

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

PASADENA, CA 91101

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A)

Α

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

\$0

A

Restricted

Stock (1)

Common 02/26/2007 Code V Amount

1,932

165,734

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.81	02/26/2007		A	8,075	02/26/2009(2)	02/26/2014	Common Stock	8,075

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Julia S. Gouw 02/27/2007

**Signature of 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) Restricted Stock vests 50% at the end of 4th year and 50% at the end of 5th year.
- (2) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on February 26, 2009.

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