

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**NG DOMINIC**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

**PASADENA, CA 91101**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**09/11/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/11/2006		M			27,000	A	\$ 5	303,336	D	
Common Stock	09/11/2006		S			27,000	D	\$ 39.6592 (1)	276,336	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2006		M			13,000	A	\$ 5	289,336	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2006		S			13,000	D	\$ 39.7912 (2)	276,336	D	

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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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	09/11/2006		M	27,000	06/25/1999 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/25/2008	Common Stock	27,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	09/12/2006		M	13,000	06/25/1999 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/25/2008	Common Stock	13,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NG DOMINIC EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/12/2006

\_\_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) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$39.60 to \$39.78. Sold pursuant to 10b5-1 plan.

(2) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$39.70 to \$39.91. Sold pursuant to 10b5-1 plan.

(3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 25, 1999.

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