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(Print or Type	e Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u></u> <u></u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify				
EAST WE BLVD.	EST BANK, 4355	GEARY	08/31/2	-			below)	below) tive Vice Presid	lent		
	(Street)			endment, D onth/Day/Yea	-	ıl	6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by				
SAN FRA	NCISCO, CA 941	18					Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tał	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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)		
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LAI MICHAEL W EAST WEST BANK 4355 GEARY BLVD. SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94118			Executive Vice President				
Signatures							
Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact	09/1	7/2008					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Ľ	Date					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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