

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**NG DOMINIC**

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)  
**09/11/2006**

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

**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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 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<br>(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<br>(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<br>EAST WEST BANK<br>135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR<br>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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