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

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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 * KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL	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 Other (specify below)			
(Street) PASADENA, CA 91101	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 Person			

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ow						ly 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)			5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/07/2016		M	4,356	A	(1)	30,147	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2016		M	3,564	A	<u>(2)</u>	33,711	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2016		F	2,709	D	\$ 32.07	31,002	D	
Common Stock							28,188	I	401 (k) Plan

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 op 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 (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/07/2016		M	4,356	<u>(1)</u>	03/07/2016	Common Stock
Time-Based Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/07/2016		M	3,564	(2)	03/07/2016(2)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KRAUSE DOUGLAS PAUL 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Douglas Paul

Krause 03/09/2016

**Signature of Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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.

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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.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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