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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC] Oh Irene H (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH (Check all applicable) **FLOOR** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting **Executive Vice President** Person PASADENA, Â CAÂ 91101 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 4,141 Restricted Common Stock 7,660 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect	
Security	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial	
(Instr. 4)	(Manua Bu), Tem)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership	
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/15/2005(1)	11/15/2011	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 42.97	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/26/2009(2)	02/26/2014	Common Stock	2,153	\$ 38.81	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/19/2010(3)	02/19/2015	Common Stock	5,690	\$ 21.09	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Oh Irene H 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â	

## **Signatures**

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 11, 2005.
- (2) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on February 26, 2009.
- (3) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on February 19, 2010.

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