GOUW JULIA S Form 4

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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 *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GOUW JULIA S

(Last)

Symbol EAST WEST BANCORP INC

(Check all applicable)

[EWBC]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS

01/29/2010

below) President

ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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PASADENA, CA 91101

(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Restricted Common Stock (1)	01/29/2010		A	200	A	\$ 0	218,041	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M	400	A	\$ 16.43	218,441	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M	1,000	A	\$ 16.625	219,441	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.685	01/29/2010		M		400	09/17/2002(2)	09/17/2011	Common Stock	400
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.625	01/29/2010		M		1,000	02/28/2004(3)	02/28/2010	Common Stock	1,000

Deletionship

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GOUW JULIA S						
EAST WEST BANK	X		President			
135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR	Λ		Fresident			
PASADENA CA 91101						

Signatures

Julia S. Gouw 02/01/2010

**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) Restricted Stock will vest on January 29, 2013 (3 year cliff vesting).

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- (2) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on September 17, 2002.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2004.

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