

LAI MICHAEL W
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LAI MICHAEL W

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)
EAST WEST BANK, 4355 GEARY
BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Executive Vice-President

(Street)
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94118

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
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Person

(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)
Common Stock	02/09/2006		M	10,000	A \$ 9.4688	19,738	D
Common Stock	02/09/2006		S	10,000	D <u>11</u>	9,738	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.4688	02/09/2006		M	10,000	10/16/2001 ⁽²⁾ 10/16/2010	Common Stock 10,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
LAI MICHAEL W EAST WEST BANK 4355 GEARY BLVD. SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94118	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Executive Vice-President

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/09/2006

__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 range from \$35.3132 to \$35.5094
- (2) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on October 16, 2001.

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