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FORM 4

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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 *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

LEE JOHN

(Last)

(City)

Symbol EAST WEST BANCORP INC

(Check all applicable)

[EWBC]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS

(First)

ROBLES AVE 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

07/24/2012

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PASADENA, CA 91101

(City)	(State) (2	Table	e I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3. 4. Securities				5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial			
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)					
~			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(IIIstr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	07/24/2012		A	2,294	A	\$ 0	355,170	D			
Common Stock	07/24/2012		A	1,835	A	\$ 0	357,005	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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEE JOHN
EAST WEST BANK
135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE 7TH FLOOR
PASADENA, CA 91101



Signatures

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact 07/26/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person D

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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