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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schuler James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

EAST WEST BANCORP INC

[EWBC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FL.

(Street)

(State)

11/30/2011

Executive Vice President

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

PASADENA, CA 91101

(City)

(City)	(State) (E	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	(1120111112 11)	any	Code	Disposed	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)		Following Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	11/30/2011		A	323	A	\$0	13,260	D		
Restricted Common Stock (1)	12/01/2011		A	100	A	\$0	13,360	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Schuler James EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FL. PASADENA, CA 91101

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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) 1. Restricted Stock will vest on December 1, 2014 (3 year cliff vesting).

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