

East West Bancorp, Inc.
Current Report of Form 8-K

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers

On January 27, 2016, Julia Gouw, the President and Chief Operating Officer of both East West Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) and its wholly owned subsidiary, East West Bank (“the Bank”), announced her retirement as President and Chief Operating Officer effective March 31, 2016. Ms. Gouw will also retire from the Board of Directors of the Company and the Bank effective March 31, 2016.

A copy of the news release announcing Ms. Gouw’s retirement as President and Chief Operating Officer is included in this report and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 News release of East West Bancorp, Inc. dated January 27, 2016.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 27, 2016

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Irene H. Oh
Irene H. Oh
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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