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June 4, 2008

Thomas J. Tolda  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
East West Bancorp, Inc.  
135 North Los Robles Ave.  
Pasadena, California 91101

**Re: East West Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007  
Filed February 29, 2008  
File No. 000-24939**

Dear Mr. Tolda:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Hugh West  
Branch Chief