



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

November 5, 2010

Dominic Ng  
Chief Executive Officer  
East West Bancorp, Inc.  
135 N. Los Robles Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Pasadena, California 91101

**Re: East West Bancorp, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**  
**File No. 0-24939**

Dear Mr. Ng:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, and we have no further comments.

Sincerely,

Mark Webb  
Legal Branch Chief