



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

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4720

March 7, 2017

Via E-mail

Douglas R. Gulling  
Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and  
Chief Financial Officer  
West Bancorporation, Inc.  
1601 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

**Re: West Bancorporation, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed March 2, 2017  
File No. 333-216393**

Dear Mr. Gulling:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Kate Donovan, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-8636 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Lin

David Lin  
Senior Staff Attorney  
Office of Financial Services

cc: Donald L. Norman, Jr., Esq.