

Mail Stop 4720

December 9, 2009

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**Re: West Coast Bancorp  
Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A  
Filed November 2, 2009  
File No. 001-34509**

Dear Mr. Sznewajs:

We have completed our review of your Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

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