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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
May 21, 2019

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-24939
(Commission File Number)

95-4703316
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

135 N Los Robles Ave., 7th Floor, Pasadena, California 91101
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(626) 768-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value | EWBC | The Nasdaq Global Select Market |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

East West Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) held its 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) on May 21, 2019. The final results of the voting for each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

Item 1 - Election of Directors

Each of the following eight nominees for director were elected to serve a one-year term expiring at the Company’s 2020 annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

| Name | Votes For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Molly Campbell | 124,406,304 | 470,912 | 9,050,334 |
| Iris S. Chan | 124,594,640 | 282,576 | 9,050,334 |
| Rudolph I. Estrada | 122,654,973 | 2,222,243 | 9,050,334 |
| Paul H. Irving | 124,137,198 | 740,018 | 9,050,334 |
| Herman Y. Li | 114,579,284 | 10,297,932 | 9,050,334 |
| Jack C. Liu | 116,985,366 | 7,891,850 | 9,050,334 |
| Dominic Ng | 121,077,068 | 3,799,863 | 9,050,334 |
| Lester M. Sussman | 124,572,920 | 304,296 | 9,050,334 |

Item 2 - Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

The advisory vote to approve the Company’s executive compensation was approved.

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| Votes For | 117,827,929 |
| Votes Against | 6,690,089 |
| Votes Abstained | 359,198 |
| Broker Non-Votes | 9,050,334 |

Item 3 - Ratification of Auditors

KPMG LLP was ratified as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. No Broker Non-Votes resulted from the vote on this proposal.

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| Votes For | 132,474,610 |
| Votes Abstained | 1,176,292 |
| Votes Against | 276,648 |

No other matters were submitted for stockholder action.

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.

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

Date: May 22, 2019

By: /s/ Douglas P. Krause

Douglas P. Krause, Esq.
Executive Vice President and General Counsel