

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ORDER

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2 WHEREAS, named plaintiff and Class Representative Bruce Paul (“Paul”), on behalf of
3 himself and as representative of the Class Members, defendant East West Bancorp (“East West”),
4 and defendant Lai Chi Chu (“Chu”) have entered into a Stipulation of Settlement submitted for
5 approval on May 12, 2014, which, if approved, would resolve this class action;

6 WHEREAS, Paul has filed a motion for preliminary approval of the proposed settlement,
7 and the Court has reviewed and considered the motion, the Stipulation of Settlement, and all
8 exhibits thereto, including the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement (the “Notice”), and
9 finds there is sufficient basis for granting preliminary approval of the Settlement, directing that
10 Notice be disseminated to the class, and setting a hearing at which the Court will consider
11 whether to grant final approval of the Settlement;

12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

13 1. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as set
14 forth in the Stipulation of Settlement;

15 2. The Court preliminarily approves the proposed Settlement, finding that the terms
16 of the Settlement Agreement appear sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant
17 dissemination of the Notice of the proposed Settlement to the Class. The Court finds that the
18 Stipulation of Settlement contains no obvious deficiencies and that the Parties entered into the
19 Stipulation of Settlement in good faith, following extensive discovery and an arm’s-length
20 negotiation between the Parties and their respective counsel;

21 3. The Court hereby approves the form and procedures for disseminating Notice of
22 the proposed Settlement to the Class Members as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement. The
23 Court finds that the Notice to be given constitutes the best notice practicable under the
24 circumstances, and constitutes valid, due, and sufficient notice to the Class in full compliance
25 with the requirements of applicable law;

26 4. The Court hereby appoints CPT Group, Inc. as the Claims Administrator. CPT
27 Group, Inc. is ordered to provide the Notice to each Class Member and an Identity Verification
28 Form, as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, via first-class mail and/or email to the most

1 recent mailing and email addresses in Class Counsel's records. The mailing of the Notice as
2 directed in this Order constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and sufficient
3 notice to all Class Members;

4 5. As set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, the costs and expenses of providing
5 Notice to the Class Members and administering the Settlement will be paid from the Common
6 Fund;

7 6. As set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, any Class Member who wishes to
8 object to the Settlement may mail to the Claims Administrator his or her objection postmarked no
9 later than July 10, 2014. The objection must be in writing, must explain the basis of the
10 objection, must include an affirmation or other proof that the objector is a Class Member, must
11 contain any legal authority the objector wishes the Court to consider, if any, must contain a list of
12 documents and things the objector wishes the Court to consider, and must provide the objector's
13 name and address and that of counsel, if any. The objection should state the name of the action,
14 *Amezcuca v. East West*, and the case number, BC412981. The Claims Administrator shall
15 immediately forward objections received to all counsel and the court. Any Class Member who
16 does not make an objection to the Settlement in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to
17 have waived any such objection by appeal, collateral attack or otherwise. Any Class Member
18 who timely objects to approval of the proposed Settlement, including any application for attorney
19 fees and expenses and the incentive award to Paul, may appear at the final approval hearing in
20 person or through counsel to show cause why the proposed Settlement should not be approved as
21 fair, reasonable and adequate;

22 7. On August 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., the Court will hold a hearing addressing final
23 approval of the Stipulation of Settlement and Settlement, an award of fees and expenses to Class
24 Counsel, and an incentive payment to Paul, before the undersigned judge of the Superior Court of
25 the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Central Civil West, 600 S. Commonwealth
26 Ave., Los Angeles, California, 90005. At the final approval hearing, the Court will consider (1)
27 whether the settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate for the classes; (2)
28 whether a judgment granting approval of the settlement and dismissing the lawsuit with prejudice

1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of
3 eighteen years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 865 South Figueroa
Street, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017-2543.

4 On May 30, 2014, I served true copies of the following document(s) described as

5 **ORDER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL SETTLEMENT AND NOTICE AND**
6 **SCHEDULING FINAL APPROVAL HEARING**

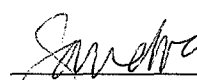
7 on the interested parties in this action as follows:

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18 **BY ELECTRONIC MAIL TRANSMISSION:** Pursuant to the Court's Order Authorizing
19 Electronic Service (Apr. 28, 2011), which requires the parties to accept service by electronic
20 transmission via LexisNexis® File & Serve, I caused the document(s) to be sent to the persons at
the e-mail addresses listed above. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission
21 any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
foregoing is true and correct.

23 Executed on May 30, 2014, at Los Angeles, California.

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25 Sandra Acosta