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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-9

Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CB BANCSHARES, INC. (Name of Subject Company)

CB BANCSHARES, INC. (Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

Common Stock, Par Value \$1.00 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

124785106

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF RADIO AD BROADCAST IN JAPANESE BY CB BANCSHARES ON HAWAII LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

CB Bancshares Shareholders:
DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

If you're a CB Bancshares shareholder, you should be aware of an important meeting coming up the Wednesday, May 28th. You may have seen or heard advertisements, or even received phone calls, from Central Pacific telling you to throw away your proxy card.

They want you to throw away your right to help decide the future of City Bank.

The Board of Directors and management of CB Bancshares and City Bank urge you to exercise your right to vote, using the WHITE proxy card.

To help stop a hostile takeover, vote AGAINST, and mail or fax your WHITE proxy card in today.

Investors should read CB Bancshares' SEC filings on the solicitation of proxies for the special shareholders meeting at sec.gov.

If you have questions about how to vote, call 1-877-687-1873.

Don't throw away your right to vote.

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