

Maher Christopher
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Maher Christopher

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DIME COMMUNITY
 BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 209 HAVEMEYER STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/30/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

BROOKLYN, NY 11211
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Restricted Stock Award	04/30/2009		A		12,679	A	\$ 0	12,679	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	05/01/2009	05/01/2009	J		1,525	D	\$ 7.98	8,575	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	05/01/2009	05/01/2009	J		1,525	A	\$ 7.98	15,355	D	
Common Stock								2,795	I	401(k) Plan
								1,224	I	Esop

Common
Stock

Common Stock 5,882 I Trust Fund
(1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.34	04/30/2009		A	20,223	05/01/2010 04/30/2019	Common Stock	20,223			
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.74					05/01/2008 ⁽²⁾ 05/01/2017	Common Stock	51,000			
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.73					05/01/2012 ⁽³⁾ 07/31/2018	Common Stock	9,123			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Maher Christopher 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

/s/ Christopher D.
Maher

05/04/2009

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Ownership held in a trust fund for which Mr. Maher is both trustee and beneficiary.
- (2) Options vest in equal 1/4th annual installments on May 1, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (3) Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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