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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
Maher Christopher			DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]		(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	
			12/31/2008		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
209 HAVEMEYER STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT		
(Street)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)		
BROOKLYN, NY 11211					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	L	2,628	A	\$ 13.3	2,795	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	02/02/2009	02/02/2009	J	2,000	A	\$ 10.11	12,251	D	Â
Common Stock	02/02/2009	02/02/2009	J	2,000	D	\$ 10.11	10,100	I	Restricted Stock Award (1)

