

COHN STEVEN D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 COHN STEVEN D

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 BROOKLYN, NY 11211

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/24/2006	02/24/2006	M	1,152	A \$ 4.3	69,466	D
Common Stock	02/24/2006	02/24/2006	S	1,152	D \$ 14	68,314	D
Common Stock						337	I Spouse

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.91					11/21/2002 11/21/2011	Common Stock	6,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.16					02/01/2004 02/01/2013	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.45					01/27/2006 01/31/2015	Common Stock	8,480
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005 01/27/2014	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.3	02/24/2006	02/24/2006	M	1,152	12/26/2001 12/26/2006	Common Stock	1,152

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COHN STEVEN D 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211	X			

## Signatures

Michael P.  
Devine

02/24/2006

\_\_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).

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