

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)
 04/30/2010

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

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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(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J ⁽¹⁾		1,525	D	\$ 12.75	5,050 I Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J ⁽¹⁾		1,525	A	\$ 12.75	20,050 D
Restricted Stock Award	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J ⁽²⁾		3,170	D	\$ 12.75	9,509 I Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J ⁽²⁾		3,170	A	\$ 12.75	23,220 D
	04/30/2010 ⁽⁴⁾		A		8,524	A	\$ 0	8,524 D

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Restricted Stock Award										
Common Stock	02/01/2010	02/01/2010	J	V	2,000	D	\$ 11.82	3,050	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	02/01/2010	02/01/2010	J	V	2,000	A	\$ 11.82	25,220	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	L	V	1,525	A	\$ 12	4,320	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	J	V	2,983	A	\$ 10	4,207	I	Esop
Common Stock								5,882	I	Trust Fund ⁽⁵⁾

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)	\$ 12.75	04/30/2010 ⁽³⁾		A	9,753	05/01/2011 04/30/2020	Common Stock	9,753

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

05/04/2010

 **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) Vesting of award shares
- (2) Vesting of award shares.
- (3) Options vest in equal annual installments on or about May 1, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (4) Awards vest in equal annual installments on or about May 1, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (5) Ownership held in a trust fund for which Mr. Maher is both trustee and beneficiary.

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