

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)
 10/18/2010

____ 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					11,450	D	
Common Stock					4,320	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					4,207	I	Esop
Common Stock					5,882	I	Trust Fund (3)

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					05/01/2011 04/30/2020	Common Stock	9,753
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.74					05/01/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 05/01/2017	Common Stock	51,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.73					05/01/2012 ⁽²⁾ 07/31/2018	Common Stock	9,123
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.34					05/01/2010 04/30/2019	Common Stock	15,168

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

10/18/2010

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

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