

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HARRIS DANIEL J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET  (Street) BROOKLYN NY 11211  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC</u> [ DCOM ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Executive Vice President</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2009	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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	05/01/2009	05/01/2009	J		1,365	D	\$7.98	4,095	I	Restricted Stock Awards
Common Stock	05/01/2009	05/01/2009	J		1,365	A	\$7.98	1,365	D	
Restricted Stock Award	04/30/2009		A		11,350	A	\$0	11,350	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock								400	I	Spouse

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$8.34	04/30/2009		A		18,102		05/01/2010	04/30/2019	Common Stock	\$0	18,102	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$14.92							05/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/03/2018	Common Stock		34,425	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$16.73							05/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/31/2018	Common Stock		8,166	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Exercisable in equal 25% installments on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.
- Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

/s/ DANIEL J. HARRIS 05/04/2009  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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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