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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. /NY/</u> [ DCOM ]	5. Relationship of R (Check all applicab X Director Officer (giv below)	X 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (M 645 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FL	liddle) OOR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2021	Direct	or-by-Deputization
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10 (City) (State) (Zi	)022	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Line) Form filed	t/Group Filing (Check Applicable by One Reporting Person by More than One Reporting

#### 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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)	Acquire f (D) (Ins	ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock")	12/09/2021		s		10,134	D	\$33.92	2,455,291	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(2</sup>
Common Stock	12/09/2021		S		487	D	\$33.92	451,146	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)(</sup>
Common Stock	12/09/2021		S		20	D	\$33.92	6,791	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)(</sup>
Common Stock	12/09/2021		S		698	D	\$33.92	169,772	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)(</sup>
Common Stock	12/09/2021		s		342	D	\$33.92	85,705	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)(</sup>
Common Stock	12/10/2021		S		20,030	D	\$33.62	2,435,261	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/10/2021		S		962	D	\$33.62	450,184	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)(</sup>
Common Stock	12/10/2021		s		39	D	\$33.62	6,752	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/10/2021		S		1,381	D	\$33.62	168,391	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/10/2021		S		675	D	\$33.62	85,030	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/13/2021		s		56,401	D	\$32.91	2,378,860	Ι	See footnotes <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/13/2021		s		358	D	\$32.91	6,394	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								18,660	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								138,282	D <sup>(1)(8)</sup>	
Common Stock								166,287.37	D <sup>(1)(9)</sup>	

#### 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)	Expiration Date	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)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip)
1. Name and Addres	1 0	on* L FUND, L.P.
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
BASSWOOD C	APITAL MANA	GEMENT L.L.C.
645 MADISON	AVENUE, 10TH	FLOOR
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
1. Name and Address BASSWOOD FUND, L.P.		<sup>on*</sup> L LONG ONLY
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
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1. Notes are included on Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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#### Remarks:

Exhibit List: ------ Exhibit 99.1 - Explanation of Responses Exhibit 99.2 - Joint Filer Information Exhibit 99.3 - Joint Filers' Signatures

BASSWOOD CAPITAL	
MANAGEMENT, L.L.C., /s/	12/13/2021
Matthew Lindenbaum	

\*\* 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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Designated Filer:Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.Issuer & Ticker Symbol:Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. [DCOM]DateofEventRequiringDecember 9, 2021Statement:

Explanation of Responses:

This Form 4 is filed on behalf of Matthew Lindenbaum, Bennett Lindenbaum, Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C. ("BCM"), Basswood 1. Partners, L.L.C. ("Partners"), Basswood Opportunity Partners, LP ("BOP"), Basswood Opportunity Fund, Inc. ("BOF"), Basswood Financial Fund, LP ("BFF") and Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP ("BFLOF") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). BCM is the investment manager or adviser to Basswood Co-Investment Fund (SPC), Ltd., For and on Behalf of Segregated Portfolio C-1 ("BCF"), BOP, BOF, BFF and BFLOF (collectively, the "Funds") and certain separate managed accounts managed by BCM (the "Managed Accounts") and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the Common Stock directly held by the Funds and held in the Managed Accounts. Partners is the general partner of BFF, BOP and BFLOF, and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the Common Stock held directly by BFF, BOP and BFLOF. Matthew Lindenbaum and Bennett Lindenbaum are the managing members of BCM and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the Common Stock directly held by the Funds and held in the Managed Accounts, and also directly hold shares of Common Stock. In accordance with Instruction 4(b)(iv), the entire amount of Common Stock held by the Funds or Managed Accounts are reported herein. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Common Stock that are beneficially owned by the Funds or Managed Accounts, except to the extent of any direct or indirect pecuniary interest therein. BCM and Partners also disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by Matthew Lindenbaum and Bennett Lindenbaum. Matthew Lindenbaum and Bennett Lindenbaum each disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by the other. The inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any securities reported herein for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise.

Matthew Lindenbaum, a managing member of BCM, serves on the board of directors of the Issuer as a representative of the Reporting Persons. As a result, each of the Reporting Persons is a "director-by-deputization" solely for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act. By reason of the provisions of Rule 16a-1 of the Exchange Act, each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock issued to Matthew Lindenbaum.

- 2. Common Stock held directly by certain separate Managed Accounts managed by BCM.
- 3. Common Stock held directly by BOP.
- 4. Common Stock held directly by BOF.
- 5. Common Stock held directly by BFF.
- 6. Common Stock held directly by BFLOF.
- 7. Common Stock held directly by BCF.
- 8. Common Stock held directly by Bennett Lindenbaum.
- 9. Common Stock held directly by Matthew Lindenbaum, which includes 5,272.374747 shares of Common Stock underlying restricted stock unit awards.

Designated Filer:Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.Issuer & Ticker Symbol:Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. [DCOM]Date of Event RequiringDecember 9, 2021Statement:

Joint Filers:

## Exhibit 99.2 - Joint Filer Information

1. Name:	Matthew Lindenbaum Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022
2. Name:	Bennett Lindenbaum Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022
3. Name:	Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C. Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022
4. Name:	Basswood Partners, L.L.C. Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022
5. Name:	Basswood Opportunity Partners, LP Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022
6. Name:	Basswood Opportunity Fund, Inc. Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022
7. Name:	Basswood Financial Fund, LP Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022
8. Name:	Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC 645 Madison Avenue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10022

Designated Filer:Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.Issuer & Ticker Symbol:Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. [DCOM]Date of Event RequiringDecember 9, 2021Statement:

## Exhibit 99.3 - Joint Filers' Signatures

<u>/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum</u> Matthew Lindenbaum

<u>/s/ Bennett Lindenbaum</u> Bennett Lindenbaum

#### **Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.**

By:<u>/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum</u> Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

## **Basswood Partners, L.L.C.**

By:/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

#### **Basswood Opportunity Partners, LP**

By: Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

By:<u>/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum</u> Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

### **Basswood Opportunity Fund, Inc.** By: Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

By:<u>/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum</u> Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

# Basswood Financial Fund, LP.

By: Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

By:<u>/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum</u> Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

## Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP.

By: Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

By:<u>/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum</u> Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member