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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BENNETT LANCE</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST</u> <u>8TH FLOOR</u>  (Street) <u>BROOKLYN NY 11201</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES</u> <u>INC [ DCOM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive VP &amp; General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/30/2016</u>	
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	12/30/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/30/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	A		6,214	A	\$20.1	19,679	I	ESOP
Common Stock	12/30/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/30/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>	A		371	A	\$20.1	3,038	I	Benefit Maintenance Plan
Common Stock								35,279	D	
Restricted Stock Award								5,786	I	Restricted Stock Award

**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)		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)					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Allocation of earned shares during the year ended December 31, 2016 in the Company's qualified Employee Stock Ownership Plan. While the allocation is deemed effective as of December 31, 2016, the amount of shares allocated was not fully determined until on or about March 31, 2017.
- Allocation of earned shares during the year ended December 31, 2016 in the Company's non-qualified Benefit Maintenance Plan. While the allocation is deemed effective as of December 31, 2016, the amount of shares allocated was not fully determined until on or about March 31, 2017.

/s/ LANCE BENNETT

04/04/2017

\*\* 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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