

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
VARONE, LOUIS V.
209 Havemeyer Street
Brooklyn, NY 11211
Kings
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. (DCOM)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock					77707	D		
Common Stock					0	I	RRP	

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities		Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security at End of Year	Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned at End of Year	Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I)	Nature of Bene- ficial Owner- ship
				Acquired(A)	Disposed(D)						
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$16.36					11/21/2011	Common Stock		4500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ LOUIS V. VARONE

DATE
02/14/2003