

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>MAHON KENNETH J</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>209 HAVEMEYER STREET</b>  (Street) <b>BROOKLYN NY 11211</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC</b> [ DCOM ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>FIRST EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>07/31/2012</b>	
	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	07/31/2012	07/31/2012	x		28,938	A	\$13.16	164,219	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012	07/31/2012	s		28,938	D	\$14.5017	135,281	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2012	08/01/2012	x		1,062	A	\$13.16	136,343	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2012	08/01/2012	s		1,062	D	\$14.56	135,281	D	
Common Stock								115,684	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								126,858	I	Bmp
Common Stock								57,756	I	Esop
Common Stock								22,952	I	Restricted Stock Awards

**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						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.16	07/31/2012	07/31/2012	X			28,938	02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	28,938	\$0	31,812	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.16	08/01/2012	08/01/2012	X			1,062	02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	1,062	\$0	30,750	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

/s/ KENNETH J. MAHON      08/02/2012  
 \*\* 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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