FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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2021				175,244	A	\$25.28	2,776,144	I	See footnotes(1)(3)	
		P		23,358	A	\$26.24	2,799,502	I	See footnotes(1)(3)	
2021		P		21,502	A	\$25.28	448,811	I	See footnotes(1)(5)	
2021		P		2,866	A	\$26.24	451,677 I		See footnotes ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	
2021		P		3,279	A	\$25.28	43,365	I	See footnotes ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾	
2021		P		437	A	\$26.24	43,802	I	See footnotes(1)(6)	
2021		P		26,076	A	\$25.28	200,109	I	See footnotes(1)(7)	
2021		P		3,475	A	\$26.24	203,584	I	See footnotes(1)(7)	
2021		P		14,199	A	\$25.28	87,692	I	See footnotes(1)(8)	
2021		P		1,893	A	\$26.24	89,585	I	See footnotes ⁽¹⁾⁽⁸⁾	
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1. Name and Address of Reporting $\mathsf{Person}^{^\star}$

GP, LLC

(Street)

(City)

(Last)

NEW YORK

BASSWOOD ENHANCED LONG SHORT

(Middle)

10022

(Zip)

(Middle)

(First)

645 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR

NY

(State)

(First)

BASSWOOD FINANCIAL FUND, L.P.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.L.C. 645 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR								
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BASSWOOD OPPORTUNITY PARTNERS, L.P.								
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)						
BASSWOOD CA	APITAL MA	NAGEMENT, L.L.C.						
645 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR								
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BASSWOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND INC								
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)						
BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.L.C.								
645 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR								
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BASSWOOD FINANCIAL LONG ONLY FUND, L.P.								
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)						
	BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.L.C.							
645 MADISON A								
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. See Exhibit 99.1
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- 11. See Exhibit 99.1

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/ 02/03/2021
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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Issuer & Ticker Symbol: Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. [DCOM]

Date of Event Requiring Statement: February 1, 2021

Explanation of Responses:

1. This Form 4 is filed on behalf of Matthew Lindenbaum, Bennett Lindenbaum, Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C., Basswood Enhanced Long Short Fund, L.P. ("BELS"), Basswood Opportunity Partners, LP ("BOP"), Basswood Financial Fund, LP ("BFF"), Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP ("BFLOF") and Basswood Opportunity Fund, Inc. ("BOF"), and Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C. is the investment manager or adviser to Basswood Co-Investment Fund (SPC), Ltd., For and on Behalf of Segregated Portfolio C-1 ("BCF"), BOP, BELS, BFF, BFLOF and BOF (collectively, the "Funds") and certain separate managed accounts managed by Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C. (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. Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC is the general partner of BELS and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the Common Stock held directly by BELS. Matthew Lindenbaum and Bennett Lindenbaum are the managing members of Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C. 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. Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C., and Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC 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 Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C, 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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock issued to Matthew Lindenbaum.

- 2. Represents a cross-trade of Common Stock between the Managed Accounts and BELS.
- 3. Common Stock held directly by certain separate accounts managed by Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.
- 4. Common stock held directly by BELS.
- 5. Common Stock held directly by BOP.
- 6. Common Stock held directly by BOF.
- 7. Common Stock held directly by BFF.
- 8. Common Stock held directly by BFLOF.
- 9. Common Stock held directly by BCF.
- 10. Common Stock held directly by Bennett Lindenbaum.
- 11. Common Stock held directly by Matthew Lindenbaum, which includes 3,487.848956 shares of Common Stock underlying restricted stock unit awards.

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Date of Event Requiring Statement: February 1, 2021

Exhibit 99.2 - Joint Filer Information

Joint Filers:

1. Name: Matthew Lindenbaum

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

2. Name: Bennett Lindenbaum

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

3. Name: Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

4. Name: Basswood Enhanced Long Short Fund, LP

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

5. Name: Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

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New York, NY 10022

6. Name: Basswood Financial Fund, LP

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

7. Name: Basswood Opportunity Partners, LP

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

8. Name: Basswood Opportunity Fund, Inc.

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

9. Name: Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP

Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

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Exhibit 99.3 - Joint Filers' Signatures

/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Matthew Lindenbaum

/s/ Bennett Lindenbaum

Bennett Lindenbaum

Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

By:/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

Basswood Enhanced Long Short Fund, LP

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

By:/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

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Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC

By: Basswood Capital Management, 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:/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

Basswood Opportunity Fund, Inc.

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

By:/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

Basswood Financial Fund, LP

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

By:/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP

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

By:/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member