

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PUCELLA MICHAEL</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>209 HAVEMEYER STREET</u> (Street) <u>BROOKLYN NY 11211</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES 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 VICE PRESIDENT</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/29/2016</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 (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	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	X		6,615	A	\$16.73	25,744	D	
Common Stock	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	S		6,615	D	\$18.816	19,129	D	
Common Stock	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	X		7,481	A	\$12.75	26,610	D	
Common Stock	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	S		7,481	D	\$18.816	19,129	D	
Common Stock	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	X		6,068	A	\$15.46	25,197	D	
Common Stock	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	S		6,068	D	\$18.816	19,129	D	
Common Stock								0	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								48,900	I	Bmp
Common Stock								54,184	I	Esop
Common Stock								2,025	I	Other
Common Stock								9,114	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)	\$16.73	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	X			6,615	05/01/2012 ⁽¹⁾	07/31/2018	Common Stock	6,615	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$12.75	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	X			7,481	05/01/2011	04/30/2020	Common Stock	7,481	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.46	11/29/2016	11/29/2016	X			6,068	05/01/2015 ⁽²⁾	04/29/2021	Common Stock	6,068	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- 2. Award vests in equal annual installments on May 1, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

/s/ MICHAEL PUCELLA

12/01/2016

** 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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