FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Common Stock	1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PUCELLA MICHAEL							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]										5. Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title			10% C	
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Award shares vest in equal annual installments on May 1, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- 2. Vesting of previously granted stock award shares.

/s/ MICHAEL PUCELLA 05/02/2013

** 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).
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