

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>CLARK GEORGE L JR</b> |                   |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [ DCOM ]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First)           | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>04/30/2010</b>                        |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |
| 209 HAVEMEYER STREET   |                   |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                     |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)   | BROOKLYN NY 11211 |          |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)           | (Zip)    |  |  |  |   |  |  |

**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   |   |  |   |
| Restricted Stock Award                | 04/30/2010                           | 04/30/2010   | J <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 1,799   | D          | \$12.75 | 0   | I  | Restricted Stock Award                                |
| Common Stock                          | 04/30/2010                           | 04/30/2010   | J <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 1,799   | A          | \$12.75 | 140,552   | D  |   |
| Restricted Stock Award <sup>(3)</sup> | 04/30/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 1,176   | A          | \$0     | 1,176   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                          |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 0   | I  | Restricted Stock Award                                |
| Common Stock                          |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 84,375  | I  | Spouse  |

**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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$12.75  | 04/30/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 4,077  |     | 05/01/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 04/30/2020      | Common Stock  | 4,077                                      | \$0  | 4,077   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Awards fully vest on or about May 1, 2011.
- Vesting of awrd shares granted on April 30, 2009.
- Shares vest on or about May 1, 2011.

/s/ MICHAEL P. DEVINE, as attorney-in-fact for George L. Clark, Jr. 05/04/2010

\*\* 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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