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 // Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 // Form 4 Transactions Reported

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person CASTELLI PETER J.  (Last) (First) (Middle)  209 HAVEMEYER STREET  BROOKLYN NEW YORK 11211  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.("DIME")  3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year June 30, 1997  5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below)  First Vice President
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TABLE 1 -- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
COMMON STOCK				2,317	I	By ESOP Trust
COMMON STOCK	02/01/97	A	14,460 A	\$18.64 14,460	I	By RRP Trust
COMMON STOCK				15,230	I	By 401(k) Trust
TOTAL				32,007	I	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. (Over)

FORM 5 (continued) 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)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares	
STOCK OPTIONS	\$14.50	12/26/96	A	25,000	12/26/97 12/26/06	COMMON STOCK 25,000	\$14.50

