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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 PALAGIANO VINCENT F. (Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET (Street) BROOKLYN NEW YORK 11211 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC. ("DIME")	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) x Director 10% Owner x Officer (give title below) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year June, 1998	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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				6,325	I	ESOP Trust
COMMON STOCK				20,000	I	401(k)Trust
COMMON STOCK	2/02/98	J	23,000 A		D	
COMMON STOCK	2/02/98	J	23,000 D	92,000	I	RRP Trust
COMMON STOCK				8,250	I	BMP Trust
COMMON STOCK				122,325	I	
COMMON STOCK				43,000	D	

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 Expiration	Title Amount or Number of Shares	

STOCK OPTIONS

\$14.50

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
STOCK OPTIONS	285,000	I	STOCK OPTION PLAN
COMMON STOCK	9,453	I	BMP

Explanation of Responses:

Vesting of a portion of the 115,000 shares acquired on February 1, 1997 pursuant to the Recognition and Retention Plan for Outside Directors, Officers and Employees of Dime Community Bancshares, Inc.
 Amount represents shares accrued under the Benefit Maintenance Plan of Dime Community Bancshares, Inc., which, as of June 30, 1998, have not been purchased by the Plan's trust.

/s/ VINCENT F. PALAGIANO August 13, 1998

 **Signature of Reporting Person Date
 By: Vincent F. Palagiano

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