

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>HARRIS DANIEL J</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>209 HAVEMEYER STREET</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>BROOKLYN NY 11211</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES</u><br><u>INC [ DCOM ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Executive Vice President</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>05/12/2009</u>                                  |   |
|  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 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                    | 05/12/2009                           | 05/12/2009   | P                              |   | 1,000   | A          | \$8   | 2,365   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 4,095   | I  | Restricted Stock Awards                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 400   | I  | Spouse  |
| Restricted Stock Award          |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 11,350  | I  | Restricted Stock Award                                |

**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 |   |  |  |   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$14.92  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 05/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 03/03/2018      | Common Stock  |  | 34,425   | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$16.73  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 05/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 07/31/2018      | Common Stock  |  | 8,166  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$8.34   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 05/01/2010   | 04/30/2019      | Common Stock  |  | 18,102   | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Exercisable in equal 25% installments on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.
- 2. Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

/s/ DANIEL J. HARRIS 05/12/2009

\*\* 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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