

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

X CHECK THIS BOX IF NO LONGER SUBJECT TO SECTION 16. FORM 4 OR FORM 5 OBLIGATIONS MAY CONTINUE. SEE Instruction 1(b).
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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name AND Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
BERGAMO	ANTHONY		DIME COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.		X Director Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Year FEBRUARY, 1997	
209 HAVEMEYER STREET					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	
(Street)					7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
BROOKLYN	NY	11211			X Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			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)	3. Transaction Code (Inst. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (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 Price (D)			
COMMON STOCK	2/14/97	P	2,500 A \$18.125	15,000	D	
COMMON STOCK	2/14/97	P	7,500 A \$18.250			

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).

(Over)
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FORM 4 (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 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)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Expiration	Title Amount or Number of Shares				
NONE										

Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements
or omissions of facts
constitute Federal
Criminal Violations.
SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001
and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/Michael P. Devine March 7, 1997
**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Note: File three copies of
this Form, one of
which must be
manually signed. If
space provided is
insufficient, SEE
Instruction 6 for
procedure.

By: Michael P. Devine, as attorney-in-fact
For: Anthony Bergamo

Potential persons who
are to respond to the
collection of information
contained in this form
are not required to
respond unless the form
displays a currently valid
OMB Number.

