

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>COHN STEVEN D</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>209 HAVEMEYER STREET</u>  (Street) <u>BROOKLYN NY 11211</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC</u> [ <u>DCOM</u> ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/30/2010</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person 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	05/03/2010	05/03/2010	S		1,000	D	\$13.129	69,814	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2010	05/03/2010	M		1,000	A	\$8.34	70,814	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	S		1,799	D	\$13.1481	69,015	D	
Restricted Stock Award	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J <sup>(1)</sup>		1,799	D	\$12.75	0	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J <sup>(1)</sup>		1,799	A	\$12.75	70,814	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								337	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$8.34	05/03/2010	05/03/2010	M			1,000	05/01/2010	04/30/2019	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	7,868	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$12.75	04/30/2010		A			4,077	05/01/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/30/2020	Common Stock	4,077	\$0	4,077	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Vesting of award granted on April 30, 2009.
- 2. Awards fully vest on or about May 1, 2011.
- 3. Shares vest on or about May 1, 2011.

/s/ MICHAEL P. DEVINE,  
attorney-in-fact for Steven D. Cohn      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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