FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b).

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Reddy Avinash					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. /NY/ [DCOM]								(Che	ck all app Direc	,		rson(s) to Is 10% O Other (s	wner	
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction 2 Date E (Month/Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)		A) or , 4 and Secu Bene Owne		ount of ties cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
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Common Stock			02/01/2	/2021				Α		13,774(1)) A		\$0.00	33	3,722		D		
Common Stock 02/0				02/01/2	021			A		9,838(2)	A	. :	\$0.00	43,560			D		
Preferred Stock, Series A															4	,000		D	
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)	if any	emed ion Date, /Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispe	r osed) r. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4)		Str.	Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y i	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Vests in equal installments on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversary following the closing date of the Merger on February 1, 2021
- $2. \ Cliff \ Vests \ on \ the \ 1 \ year \ anniversary \ of \ the \ closing \ date \ of \ the \ Merger \ effective \ February \ 1, \ 2021.$

Remarks:

<u>Leslie Veluswamy, as attorney</u>

02/03/2021

in fact

** 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).

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

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DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC. LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and apppoints, Angela Blum-Finlay, Leslie Veluswamy and Patricia M. Schaubeck each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-infact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Dime Community Bancshares, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to each of the undersigned's attorneys-in-fact appointed by this Power of Attorney and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-infact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-infact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Company nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the

undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of January, 2019.

/s/ Avinash Reddy (Signature)

Avinash Reddy (Print Name)