

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
PALAGIANO, VINCENT F.
209 Havemeyer Street
Brooklyn, NY 11211
Kings
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. (DCOM)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
2/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
(X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) 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	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
		Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock							353749	D	
Common Stock							48572	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock							29453	I	ESOP
Common Stock							0	I	RRP
Common Stock							140160	I	BMP

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	
Title of Derivative Security	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code	V	Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exer- cisable Expira- tion Date	Amount Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	9.	10.	11.
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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$6.45					12/26/2006	Common Stock		475270	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$16.36					11/21/2011	Common Stock		112500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$19.73	02/01/2003	A V	11650 0		02/01/2004 02/01/2013	Common 116500 Stock	\$0.0000	116500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Grant of Stock Options under the 2001 Stock Option Plan for Outside Directors, Officers and Employees of Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. All of the options expire on February 1, 2013 and vest in 25% installments on February 1, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ VINCENT F. PALAGIANO

DATE
02/04/2003