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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 Re	porting Person*	2. Issuer Name AND Ticker or Trading Symbol 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
KING	TIMOTHY	В.	DIME COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC. Director X Officer (give Other (specify title below) below)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. IRS or 4. Statement for FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND Social Security Month/Year TREASURER Number of FEBRUARY, 1998
209 HAVEMEY	ER STREET		Reporting Person (Voluntary)
	(Street)		5. If Amendment, 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Date of Original (Check Applicable Line)
BROOKLYN (City)	NY (State)	11211 (Zip)	(Month/Year) 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

Option Plan

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1. litle of Security Instr. 3)	2. Irans- 3. Irans action actio Date Code (Inst (Month/ Day/ Year)	n Acquired (A) or Disposed	Securities Form: Indirect Beneficially Direct (D) Benefici Owned at End or Indirect Ownershi of Month (I) (Instr. 4)	al Lp
	Code	V Amount (A) or Price (D)		
COMMON STOCK	2/02/98 J	5,758 A	3,492 D	
COMMON STOCK	2/02/98 J	5,758 D	34,490 I Spouse and Other Related Persons (3,717) ESOP, RRP and 401(k Plans (30,773)	
COMMON STOCK	2/03/98 J	2,666 D \$20.9993		

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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TABLE II DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1.Title 2.Conver- 3.Trans- 4.Tran of Deriv- sion or action acti ative Secu- Exercise Date Code rity of De- (Month/ (Ins (Instr. 3) rivative Day/ 8) Security Year)	n of Deriv- ercisal ative Secu- and Ex	ple and Amount Derivative of Under- Security Ilying Secu- (Instr. 5 rities	Securities Form Beneficially of Owned at End Deriof Month (Instr. 4) Security Direct (D) or	Indirect Benefi- cial Owner- ship (Instr.4)		
NO TRANSACTIONS IN CURRENT PERIOD. (I) Stock						

Code V (A) (D) Date Expira- Title Amount or Exer- tion Number of Number of cisable Date Shares

Explanation of Responses:

Vesting of a portion of the 28,790 shares acquired on February 1, 1997 pursuant to the Recognition and Retention Plan for

Outside Directors, Officers and Employees of Dime Community Bancorp, Inc. Sale of a portion of the 5,758 shares acquired on February 1, 1998 pursuant to the Recognition and Retention Plan for Outside Directors, Officers and Employees of Dime Community Bancorp, Inc. Sale transaction incurred solely to fund income tax liability related to these acquired shares.

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

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/s/TIMOTHY B. KING MARCH 2, 1998 **Signature of Reporting Date

By: Timothy B. King

Person

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