

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PUCELLA MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 209 HAVEMEYER STREET
 (Street)

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/29/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock					38,099	D	
Common Stock	04/29/2008	04/29/2008	S	24,075 (1)	D \$ 18.57	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					41,376	I	BMP
Common Stock					46,228	I	ESOP
Common Stock					2,025	I	Other

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Common Stock	7,239	I	Restricted Stock Awards
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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.91					11/21/2002	11/21/2011	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.16					02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	20,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.74					05/01/2008	05/01/2017	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.1					05/31/2006	05/31/2015	Common Stock	16,344
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005	01/27/2014	Common Stock	20,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUCELLA MICHAEL 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

MICHAELPUCELLA 05/01/2008

 Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Rebalance of 401(k) Plan assets by Mr. Pucella.

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