

Maher Christopher
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Maher Christopher

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

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

209 HAVEMEYER STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
 02/20/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

(City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/02/2009	Â	J	2,000 (1)	\$ 10.11 (1)	D	Â
Common Stock	02/02/2009	Â	J	2,000 (1)	\$ 10.11 (1)	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	12/31/2008	Â	L	2,628	\$ 13.3	I	401(k) Plan

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Common Stock Â Â Â Â Â Â 1,224 I Esop

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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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.74	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/01/2008 ⁽²⁾	05/01/2017	Common Stock	51,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.73	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/01/2012 ⁽³⁾	07/31/2018	Common Stock	9,123

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Maher Christopher 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211	Â	Â	Â EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Â

Signatures

/s/ Christopher D. Maher 02/20/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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(1) Vesting of restricted stock award granted on January 3, 2006.

(2) Options vest in equal 1/4th annual installments on May 1, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

(3) Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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