

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC
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FORM 4

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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

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)
209 HAVEMEYER STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/29/2016

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

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | X | | 6,615 A \$ 16.73 | 25,744 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | S | | 6,615 D \$ 18.816 | 19,129 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | X | | 7,481 A \$ 12.75 | 26,610 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | S | | 7,481 D \$ 18.816 | 19,129 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | X | | 6,068 A \$ 15.46 | 25,197 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------|--------|---|-------------------------|
| Common Stock | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | S | 6,068 | D | \$ 18.816 | 19,129 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 0 | I | 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 48,900 | I | Bmp |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 54,184 | I | Esop |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,025 | I | Other |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 9,114 | I | Restricted Stock Awards |

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 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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.73 | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | X | 6,615 | 05/01/2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 07/31/2018 | Common Stock | 6,615 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.75 | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | X | 7,481 | 05/01/2011 | 04/30/2020 | Common Stock | 7,481 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.46 | 11/29/2016 | 11/29/2016 | X | 6,068 | 05/01/2015 ⁽²⁾ | 04/29/2021 | Common Stock | 6,068 |

Buy)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ MICHAEL
PUCELLA 12/01/2016

 **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) Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
 - (2) Award vests in equal annual installments on May 1, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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