

Maher Christopher  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 209 HAVEMEYER STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/30/2010

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
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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	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J <sup>(1)</sup>		1,525	D	\$ 12.75	5,050	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J <sup>(1)</sup>		1,525	A	\$ 12.75	20,050	D	
Restricted Stock Award	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J <sup>(2)</sup>		3,170	D	\$ 12.75	9,509	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	04/30/2010	04/30/2010	J <sup>(2)</sup>		3,170	A	\$ 12.75	23,220	D	
	04/30/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>		A		8,524	A	\$ 0	8,524	D	

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Restricted Stock Award										
Common Stock	02/01/2010	02/01/2010	J	V	2,000	D	\$ 11.82	3,050	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	02/01/2010	02/01/2010	J	V	2,000	A	\$ 11.82	25,220	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	L	V	1,525	A	\$ 12	4,320	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	J	V	2,983	A	\$ 10	4,207	I	Esop
Common Stock								5,882	I	Trust Fund <sup>(5)</sup>

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.75	04/30/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>		A	9,753	05/01/2011 04/30/2020	Common Stock	9,753

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Maher Christopher  
209 HAVEMEYER STREET  
BROOKLYN, NY 11211

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher D.

Maher

05/04/2010

  \*\*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) Vesting of award shares
- (2) Vesting of award shares.
- (3) Options vest in equal annual installments on or about May 1, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (4) Awards vest in equal annual installments on or about May 1, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (5) Ownership held in a trust fund for which Mr. Maher is both trustee and beneficiary.

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