

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC  
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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 \*  
**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)  
 05/13/2008

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)  
 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 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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	05/01/2008	05/01/2008	J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	2,019	A	\$ 18.76	40,118	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2008	05/13/2008	S		2,019	D	\$ 18.71	38,099	D	
Common Stock								24,069	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								41,376	I	BMP
Common Stock								46,228	I	ESOP

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Common Stock							2,025	I	Other	
Common Stock	05/01/2008	05/01/2008	J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	2,019	D	\$ 18.76	5,220	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)	8. Price or Number of Shares (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				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	

buy)

## 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                      05/13/2008

\*\*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) Vesting of a portion of the restricted stock awards granted to Mr. Pucella in 2005 and 2006.

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