Maher Christopher Form 5 February 20, 2009			
FORM 5			OMB APPROVAL
UNITED STATES Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the	S SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ( Washington, D.C. 20549 FATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BEN OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchang Public Utility Holding Company Act of 0 of the Investment Company Act of 19	NEFICIAL ge Act of 1934, of 1935 or Section	OMB 3235-0362 Number: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 1.0
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Maher Christopher	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]	Issuer	Reporting Person(s) to k all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET	<ul><li>3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)</li><li>12/31/2008</li></ul>	Director X Officer (give below) EXECUTIVI	title 10% Owner below) E VICE PRESIDENT
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		int/Group Reporting
BROOKLYN, NY 11211			One Reporting Person fore than One Reporting

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivative Se	curiti	es Acquir	ed, Disposed of	f, or Beneficia	lly 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. Securit (A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount	isposed	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	L	2,628	A	\$ 13.3	2,795	Ι	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	02/02/2009	02/02/2009	J	2,000 (2)	А	\$ 10.11 (2)	12,251	D	Â
Common Stock	02/02/2009	02/02/2009	J	2,000 (2)	D	\$ 10.11 (2)	10,100	I	Restricted Stock Award (1)

Person

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	ÂÂ	1,224 I	Esoj	p	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.			tly. containe	Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.SEC 2270 (9-02)					
			ative Securities Acq puts, calls, warrants	· · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•			
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 Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and	<ul><li>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</li><li>4)</li></ul>	

(Instr. 3,

4, and 5)

(A) (D)

Date Exercisable

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

/s/ Christorpher D. Maher	02/20/2009		
<u>**</u> 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) Grant of Restricted Stock Award that will vest fully upon Mr. Maher's reaching retirement age.
- (2) Vesting of restricted stock award granted on January 3, 2006.

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Amount

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Shares

Expiration Title Number

Date