

Maher Christopher
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FORM 5

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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**
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

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)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

209 HAVEMEYER STREET
 (Street)

BROOKLYN, NY 11211
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	L	2,628	A \$ 13.3	2,795	I 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	02/02/2009	02/02/2009	J	2,000 (2)	A \$ 10.11 (2)	12,251	D
Common Stock	02/02/2009	02/02/2009	J	2,000 (2)	D \$ 10.11 (2)	10,100	I Restricted Stock Award (1)

