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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> NELSON KATHLEEN M.			2. Date of Event Requirin Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]				
(Last) (I	First)	(Middle)	03/17/2011	4. Relationshi Person(s) to I	p of Reporting	 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 		
209 HAVEME ^Y (S BROOKLYN,Â	Street)			X Director Officer	(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director Officer (give title below) (specify below)			
(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Table I -	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount Beneficiall (Instr. 4)	of Securities y Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Common Stock			0		D	Â		
Reminder: Report o owned directly or ir	ndirectly. Person informa require	s who resp ation conta d to respo	ch class of securities benefi bond to the collection o ined in this form are no nd unless the form disp //B control number.	of Dt	EC 1473 (7-02)		
Table	e II - Deriv	vative Secur	ities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls.	warrants, onf	ions, c	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NELSON KATHLEEN M. 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ KATHLEEN M. NELSON	03/25						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Da	ite					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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