KING TIMOTHY B

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KING TIMOTHY B	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
	DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2006	Director 10% Owner Selfow ittle Other (specify below) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dir (Instr. 3,	sposed	d of (D) 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)
Common Stock							82,698	D	
Common Stock							40,107	I	BMP
Common Stock							47,402	I	ESOP
Common Stock							680	I	Other
Common Stock	03/16/2006	03/16/2006	A	10,000 (1)	A	\$ 14.48	11,935	I	Restricted Stock Awards

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and 2. Underlying 3 (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 1 5 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.91					10/21/2002	11/21/2011	Common Stock	7,500	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.16					02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	24,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.1					05/31/2006	05/31/2015	Common Stock	19,569	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005	01/27/2014	Common Stock	24,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KING TIMOTHY B							
209 HAVEMEYER STREET			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT				
BROOKLYN, NY 11211							

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**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. King reaching retirement age.

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