INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Perez Michael A		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]				
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	01/29/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
300 CADMAN PLA WEST, 8TH FLO			(Check all applicable)				
(Street) BROOKLYN, NY			Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP & Chief Retail Officer			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	•	
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Table II -	Derivative Secur	ities Beneficially Owned (e.	.g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, co	onvertible securities)	

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

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(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Perez Michael A 300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST 8TH FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11201	Â	Â	EVP & Chief Retail Officer	Â			
Signatures							
Leslie Veluswamy, as attorney ir MICHAEL A	PEREZ	02/05/2018					
<u>**</u> Signature of Repor	Date						
Explanation of Res	spon	ses:					

No securities are beneficially owned

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

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