MITCHELL TERENCE J

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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 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM] MITCHELL TERENCE J (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person BROOKLYN, NYÂ 11211 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Exec. VP -Chief Retail Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 7,274 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. 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.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

MITCHELL TERENCE J 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NYÂ 11211

Â Exec. VP -Chief Retail Officer Â

Signatures

/s/ Terence J.
Mitchell

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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