

VELUSWAMY LESLIE

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>VELUSWAMY LESLIE</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST, 8TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BROOKLYN, NY 11201</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/17/2019</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP - CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,073	I	KSOP
Common Stock	4,756	I	RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible 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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	
VELUSWAMY LESLIE 300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST, 8TH FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11201	^	^	^ SVP - CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER	^

Signatures

LESLIE
VELUSWAMY

01/24/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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