



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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LAURA ANN STEPHEN, TREASURER
BLUE DIAMOND GROWERS POLITICAL ACTION
COMMITTEE
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Response Due Date
04/18/2022

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00080135

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (07/01/2021 - 12/31/2021)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

- Schedule A (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appears to be from a corporation(s). Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30118(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation. Limited liability companies (LLCs) that choose to be treated as corporations under the Internal Revenue Service rules, or have shares that are traded publicly, are considered corporations. In the event that the LLC is treated as a partnership under IRS rules, the aforementioned contributions are to be attributed to each member in direct proportion to his or her share of the LLC's profit or by agreement of its members. Each member who has contributed in excess of \$200 for the calendar year should be identified by name, address, amount of contribution, name of employer, occupation and aggregate total on Schedule A. (11 CFR §110.1(g)(1) through (5))

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have received a prohibited contribution(s), you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you

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may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date and method of your remedy (refund and/or transfer to a non-federal account) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of refund checks and/or transfers to nonfederal account. In addition, any transfers out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1333.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Hanna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maggie Hanna
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

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Apparent Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions
Blue Diamond Growers Political Action Committee (C00080135)

Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities (Corporations, Labor Organization, LLCs)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Boparai Farms	9/23/21	\$1,000.00	2021 Year-End
Cederlind Farms	9/30/21	\$300.00	2021 Year-End
Circle G Farms	10/7/21	\$200.00	2021 Year-End
Cortina School Farming Co.	11/11/21	\$1,000.00	2021 Year-End
Don Pedro Pump	7/21/21	\$200.00	2021 Year-End
Double B Farms	8/26/21	\$250.00	2021 Year-End
Evans Farming	7/15/21	\$1,500.00	2021 Year-End
LHR Farms	9/9/21	\$62.28	2021 Year-End
LHR Farms	9/22/21	\$223.73	2021 Year-End
LHR Farms	10/28/21	\$22.26	2021 Year-End
LHR Farms	11/4/21	\$25.02	2021 Year-End
LHR Farms	12/23/21	\$29.46	2021 Year-End
LHR Farms	12/30/21	\$10.38	2021 Year-End
Nobriga Family Orchards	8/26/21	\$500.00	2021 Year-End
Redwood DD Ranch	7/15/21	\$500.00	2021 Year-End
Sweetman Farms	9/22/21	\$100.95	2021 Year-End
Sweetman Farms	9/30/21	\$31.43	2021 Year-End
Sweetman Farms	10/28/21	\$11.57	2021 Year-End
Sweetman Farms	11/18/21	\$8.09	2021 Year-End