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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020 , and ending 12-31-2020

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
VALLEY STRONG CU FKA
KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
11500 BOLTHOUSE DRIVE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311

D Employer identification number
95-1652797

E Telephone number
(661) 833-7900

G Gross receipts $ 100,286,496

F Name and address of principal officer:
STEVE RENOCK
11500 BOLTHOUSE DRIVE
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☑ 501(c) (14) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.VALLEYSTRONG.COM

K Form of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☑ Other ▶ CREDIT UNION

L Year of formation: 1938

M State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
A COOPERATIVE, ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THRIFT AND SAVINGS AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

2 Check this box ▶ ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	**3**	11
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	**4**	11
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	**5**	522
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	**6**	16
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	**7a**	775,142
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	**7b**	0

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	47,040,268	76,560,645
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	12,524,607	19,904,329
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	27,166,268	3,295,306
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	86,731,143	99,760,280
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	856,994
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	31,012,315	36,368,477
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	38,704,207	42,985,313
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	69,716,522	80,210,784
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	17,014,621	19,549,496

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,797,260,753	2,205,905,112
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,613,720,810	1,997,741,705
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	183,539,943	208,163,407

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

****** 2021-10-28
Signature of officer Date

NICHOLAS AMBROSINI EVP,CFO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
				P01054153

Firm's name ▶ TURNER WARREN HWANG & CONRAD ACCTCY — Firm's EIN ▶ 95-4083485

Firm's address ▶ 100 NORTH FIRST ST STE 202
BURBANK, CA 91502 — Phone no. (818) 954-9700

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☑ Yes ☐ No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . . ☑

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE OVALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION IS A COOPERATIVE, ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THRIFT AND SAVINGS AMONG ITS MEMBERS, CREATING A SOURCE OF CREDIT FOR THEM AT RATES OF INTEREST SET BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO USE AND CONTROL THEIR OWN MONEY ON A DEMOCRATIC BASIS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS. AS A COOPERATIVE, VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT AND GENERAL WELFARE OF ITS MEMBERS WITH THE EARNINGS, SAVINGS, BENEFITS, OR SERVICES OF THE CREDIT UNION BEING DISTRIBUTED TO ITS MEMBERS AS PATRONS.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)
See Additional Data

4b (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)
See Additional Data

4c (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)
See Additional Data

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4e **Total program service expenses ▶**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1		No
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?	2		No
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3	Yes	
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part I	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part III	8		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D,* Part VI.	11a	Yes	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*	11b		No
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*	11c	Yes	
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*	11d		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e	Yes	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11f	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a		No
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional*	12b	Yes	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	14b		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I* (see instructions)	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		No
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	Yes	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part I	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part I	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26	Yes	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L,* Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		No
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35b		
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	24,875		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance *(continued)*

2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	**2a**	522		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			**2b**	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year? . . .			**3a**	Yes
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . .			**3b**	Yes
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . .			**4a**	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . .			**5a**	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			**5b**	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			**5c**	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . .			**6a**	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			**6b**	
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			**7a**	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			**7b**	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			**7c**	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	**7d**			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			**7e**	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . .			**7f**	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			**7g**	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			**7h**	
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			**8**	
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			**9a**	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .			**9b**	
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . .	**10a**			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	**10b**			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	**11a**			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	**11b**			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			**12a**	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	**12b**			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . . . **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			**13a**	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	**13b**			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	**13c**			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			**14a**	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O* . .			**14b**	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? . . . . . If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			**15**	Yes
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? . . If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			**16**	No

Part VI **Governance, Management, and Disclosure** *For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.*
Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . . ☑

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	**1a**	11		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.				
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	**1b**	11		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?			**2**		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?			**3**		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?			**4**		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?			**5**		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?			**6**	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?			**7a**	Yes	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?			**7b**	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:					
a	The governing body?			**8a**	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?			**8b**	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O*			**9**		No

Section B. Policies (*This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.*)

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	**10a**	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	**10b**	Yes	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	**11a**	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	**12a**	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	**12b**	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done*	**12c**	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	**13**		No
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	**14**	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	**15a**	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	**15b**	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	**16a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	**16b**		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶ CA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☑ Another's website ☑ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
▶STACY PHELPS CONTROLLER 11500 BOLTHOUSE DRIVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311 (661) 833-7024

Part VII **Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . . ☐

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
See Additional Data Table										

Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
See Additional Data Table										
1b Sub-Total ▶										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ▶										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ▶								9,143,140	0	1,219,357

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 42

			Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**3**	Yes	
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**4**	Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	**5**		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
MCDERMOTT & BULL EXECUTIVE SEARCH 2 VENTURE SUITE 100 IRVINE, CA 92618	EXECUTIVE SEARCH & RECRUITING SERVICES	356,194
ALM FIRST FINANCIAL ADVISORS 3800 MAPLE AVE SUITE 600 DALLAS, TX 75219	FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES	351,006
DELL MARKETING LP C/O DELL USA LP PASADENA, CA 911100916	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	222,071
HUFFMAN & DOWNS MAINTENANCE PO BOX 10833 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389	JANITORIAL SERVICES	204,295

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 4

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . . ☐

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	**1a** Federated campaigns . . **1a**				
	b Membership dues . . **1b**				
	c Fundraising events . . **1c**				
	d Related organizations **1d**				
	e Government grants (contributions) **1e**				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above **1f**				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:$ **1g**				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶				
Program Service Revenue		Business Code			
	2a INTEREST ON LOANS	522100	50,693,521	50,693,521	
	b OTHER OPERATING INCOME	522100	15,573,916	15,516,363	57,553
	c FEE INCOME	522100	10,293,208	9,575,619	717,589
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue.				
	g Total. Add lines 2a–2f. . . . . ▶	76,560,645			
Other Revenue	**3** Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		7,802,042	7,802,042	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶				
	5 Royalties . . . . . ▶				
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	6a Gross rents **6a**				
	b Less: rental expenses **6b**				
	c Rental income or (loss) **6c**				
	d Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶				
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory **7a**	12,628,503			
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses **7b**	494,780	31,436		
	c Gain or (loss) **7c**	12,133,723	-31,436		
	d Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶		12,102,287	12,102,287	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . **8a**				
	b Less: direct expenses . . . **8b**				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶				
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . **9a**				
	b Less: direct expenses . . . **9b**				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶				
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . **10a**				
	b Less: cost of goods sold . . **10b**				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶				
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code			
	11a UNREALIZED GAIN DUE TO	522100	3,292,240	3,292,240	
	b OTHER NON OPERATING IN	522100	3,066	3,066	
	c				
	d All other revenue				
	e Total. Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . ▶		3,295,306		
	12 Total revenue. See instructions . . . . . ▶		99,760,280	98,985,138	775,142	0

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	856,994			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	9,143,140			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	20,150,100			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	1,535,826			
9 Other employee benefits	3,442,969			
10 Payroll taxes	2,096,442			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	272,738			
c Accounting	168,000			
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	6,242,165			
12 Advertising and promotion	1,707,902			
13 Office expenses	7,780,321			
14 Information technology	4,806,269			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	3,549,972			
17 Travel	314,531			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	8,779,283			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,331,234			
23 Insurance	309,771			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a LOAN SERVICING EXPENSE	2,377,940			
b PROVISION FOR LOAN AND	2,250,902			
c OPERATING FEES	567,911			
d MISC OPERATING EXPENSES	526,374			
e All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	80,210,784			
26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ▶ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash–non-interest-bearing		37,291,207	1	53,105,411
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		113,436,958	2	259,796,848
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			4	
	5	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5	19,342,520
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			9	2,312,520
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 99,936,347			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 51,555,236	45,669,943	10c	48,381,111
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		371,578,561	11	397,484,615
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		1,207,018,209	13	1,380,857,559
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		22,265,875	15	44,624,528
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		1,797,260,753	16	2,205,905,112
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		21,032,331	17	40,454,794
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		1,592,688,479	25	1,957,286,911
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		1,613,720,810	26	1,997,741,705
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.**				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions			27	
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions			28	
		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		0	29	0
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		0	30	0
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		183,539,943	31	208,163,407
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		183,539,943	32	208,163,407
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		1,797,260,753	33	2,205,905,112

Part XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . . ☑

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	99,760,280
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	80,210,784
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	19,549,496
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	183,539,943
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	4,959,221
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	114,747
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	208,163,407

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☑

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		No
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes	
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☑ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	Yes	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.	3b		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 95-1652797

Name: VALLEY STRONG CU FKA
KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Form 990 (2020)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION CONFERENCES: WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE WORKSHOP/WEBINAR PROGRAM WITH TOPICS WHICH ARE TYPICALLY HELD TWICE A MONTH. TOPICS COVERED ARE AUTO AND HOME BUYING, RETIREMENT AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS BANKING, CYBER SECURITY AND MEDICARE ASSISTANCE. ADDITIONALLY, WE HOLD FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES OFF-SITE AT LOCAL ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOLS, AND COLLEGES TO HELP INTRODUCE FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE TO OUR YOUNG COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

ONGOING MARKETING STRATEGIES: WE HAVE FOCUSED OUR MARKETING EFFORTS TOWARD BRANDING IN OUR EXPANSION MARKETS, CHECKING OFFERINGS, MORTGAGE AND AUTO LOAN OPTIONS, BUSINESS BANKING OPPORTUNITIES, AND RETIREMENT AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT POSSIBILITIES.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

COMMUNICATIONS/LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY/COMPLIANCE: WE PROVIDE MEMBERS UP TO DATE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CREDIT UNION AS WELL AS PROVIDING COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE.

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
DR LARRY REIDER CHAIRMAN	3.00	X						0	0	0
MIKE KILEEN 1ST VICE CHAIRMAN	3.00	X						0	0	0
JOE DREW 2ND VICE CHAIRMAN	3.00	X						0	0	0
CARL LANGE III TREASURER	3.00	X						0	0	0
JOANNE MILLS SECRETARY	3.00	X						0	0	0
DR S WILLIAM BRUCE DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
MARILYN JONES DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
DR DENNIS SCOTT DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
DR JAMES FILLBRANDT DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
DOUG MILLER DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
DR BYRON SCHAEFER DIRECTOR	2.00	X						700	0	0
TROY FRINGER SPVE CMTE CHAIR	3.00	X						0	0	0
KEN GRAGG SPVE CMTE MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
RAMON HENDRIX SPVE CMTE MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
DAN SHANNON SPVE CMTE MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
TENIELLE TENSLEY SPVE CMTE MEMBER	2.00	X						0	0	0
STEPHEN P RENOCK IV PRESIDENT/CEO	40.00			X				1,937,593	0	547,612
NICHOLAS AMBROSINI EVP/CFO	40.00			X				801,441	0	49,689
STEVEN MATEJKA EVP/COO	40.00			X				1,026,141	0	56,737
MICHAEL GEORGE FORMER SVP/CHIEF MARKETING INNOVATION & ADVOCACY OFFICER	40.00			X				881,343	0	58,597

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
RUDY TAFOYA FORMER SVP CHIEF LENDING OFFICER	40.00						X	400,000	0	26,772
MARK MANNS SVP/CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	40.00			X				397,635	0	8,887
STEPHEN ROACH SVP/CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	40.00			X				388,845	0	53,000
CHARLES SMITH SVP/CHIEF LENDING OFFICER	40.00			X				331,086	0	22,293
SHONNA SHEARSON SVP OF OPERATIONS	40.00			X				257,427	0	9,847
JAMES HUSSEY DIRECTOR OF WEALTH MANAGEMENT	40.00				X			316,494	0	52,029
DEANNA BLAISE VP OF MEMBER BUSINESS SERVICES	40.00				X			295,175	0	50,856
CHEI WHITMORE VP OF BRANCHES	40.00				X			224,365	0	47,018
TIMOTHY SPENCER VP OF LENDING	40.00				X			218,117	0	15,692
CHRISTOPHER HANSON VP OF APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT	40.00				X			199,452	0	7,952

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
LINDSAY REYES VP OF ACCOUNTING	40.00				X			187,918	0	35,636
LEE JACOBS VP OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	40.00				X			180,673	0	19,550
AMIE HALE DIRECTOR OF E-SERVICES	40.00				X			177,417	0	10,091
KEVIN MCCLOSKEY DIRECTOR OF IT DEVELOPMENT	40.00				X			169,473	0	49,330
MARIA TRANCOSO SENIOR BUSINESS BANKING OFFICER	40.00					X		170,144	0	9,031
CLIFFORD JOSEPH SENIOR AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	40.00					X		163,346	0	6,717
HERBERT SIEGERS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	40.00					X		140,109	0	19,663
RETHA CAMERON COMPLIANCE OFFICER	40.00					X		140,026	0	16,119
VANESSA HUDSON SENIOR BUSINESS LENDING MANAGER	40.00					X		138,220	0	46,239

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶**Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶**Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶**Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.**

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Open to Public Inspection

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then
- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
VALLEY STRONG CU FKA KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	95-1652797

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")

2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ $ 10,000

3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions)

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ $

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $ 10,000

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ $ 10,000

4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☑ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERALLY-INSURED CREDIT UNIONS	3138 10TH STREET NORTH ARLINGTON, VA 222012149	95-2642719	10,000	
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

A Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

B Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	**(a)** Filing organization's totals	**(b)** Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over $500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.
Over $500,000 but not over $1,000,000	$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over $500,000.
Over $1,000,000 but not over $1,500,000	$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over $1,000,000.
Over $1,500,000 but not over $17,000,000	$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over $1,500,000.
Over $17,000,000	$1,000,000.

g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-.		
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-.		

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	**(a)** 2017	**(b)** 2018	**(c)** 2019	**(d)** 2020	**(e)** Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation	

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization
VALLEY STRONG CU FKA
KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Employer identification number
95-1652797

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

		Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ $ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition

b ☐ Scholarly research

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

e ☐ Other .....

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?. . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

		Amount
c	Beginning balance	1c
d	Additions during the year	1d
e	Distributions during the year	1e
f	Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII . . . . ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ .....

b Permanent endowment ▶ .....

c Term endowment ▶ .....

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) Unrelated organizations . . . . . 3a(i)		
(ii) Related organizations . . . . . 3a(ii)		

b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? 3b

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		7,788,305		7,788,305
b Buildings		40,883,538	10,984,319	29,899,219
c Leasehold improvements		7,021,731	2,444,697	4,577,034
d Equipment		44,242,773	38,126,220	6,116,553
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				48,381,111

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3)Other		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)* ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)PAID-IN CAPITAL AT CORP	1,357,365	C
(2)ALL OTHER INVESTMENTS	8,990,400	F
(3)NCUA SHARE INSURANCE CAPITALIZATION DEPOSIT	17,910,105	C
(4)NET LOANS AND LEASES	1,352,599,689	F
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)* ▶	1,380,857,559	

Part IX Other Assets.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) TOTAL SHARE AND DEPOSITS	1,952,193,819
(3) OTHER NOTES, PROMISSORY NOTES AND INTEREST PAYABLE	5,000,000
(4) ACCRUED DIVIDENDS & INTEREST PAYABLE ON SHARES & DEPOSITS	93,092
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)* ▶	1,957,286,911

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☑

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	99,791,718
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a			
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	0
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	99,791,718
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**:				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	-31,438		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	-31,438
5	Total revenue. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)			5	99,760,280

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	80,242,222
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a			
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	0
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	80,242,222
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line **1:**				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	-31,438		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	-31,438
5	Total expenses. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)			5	80,210,784

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII **Supplemental Information *(continued)***

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

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KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Supplemental Information

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PART X, LINE 2:	ASC 740-10-65, INCOME TAXES, PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR HOW UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS SHOULD BE R ECOGNIZED, MEASURED, DISCLOSED AND PRESENTED IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THI S REQUIRES THE EVALUATION OF TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN THE COURSE OF PREPARING THE CREDIT UNION'S TAX RETURNS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TAX POSITIONS ARE "MORE LIKELY THAN NOT" OF BEING SUSTAINED "WHEN CHALLENGED OR "WHEN EXAMINED" BY THE APPLICABLE TAX AUTHORITY. TAX POSITIONS DEEMED TO NOT MEET THE MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT THRESHOLD SHOULD BE RECORDED AS A TAX EXPENSE AND LIABILITY IN THE CURRENT YEAR. FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMB ER 31, 2020 AND 2019, MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE CREDIT UNION HAS NO MATERIAL UNCE RTAIN TAX POSITIONS, AND ACCORDINGLY, THE CREDIT UNION HAS NOT RECORDED A LIABILITY FOR TH E PAYMENT OF INTEREST OR PENALTIES. STATE TAXES, IF APPLICABLE, ARE PAID ON INCOME EARNED BY THE CREDIT UNION IN CALIFORNIA. THE CREDIT UNION IS SUBJECT TO AND PAYS ALL STATE AND C ITY TAXES ON GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED BY THE CREDIT UNION.

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	LOSS ON DISPOSITION OF FIXED ASSETS -31,436. ROUNDING -2.

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	LOSS ON DISPOSITION OF FIXED ASSETS -31,436. ROUNDING -2.

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Schedule I (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Name of the organization
VALLEY STRONG CU FKA
KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Employer identification number
95-1652797

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . . ☑ Yes ☐ No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) See Additional Data							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ▶ 15

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ▶ 8

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

	(a) Type of grant or assistance	**(b)** Number of recipients	**(c)** Amount of cash grant	**(d)** Amount of noncash assistance	**(e)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(f)** Description of noncash assistance
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						
(7)						

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

Return Reference	**Explanation**

Additional Data

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EIN: 95-1652797
Name: VALLEY STRONG CU FKA
KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
ALZHEIMERS DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF KERN COUNTY INC PO BOX 22108 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93390	77-0017561	501(C)(3)	5,000		FMV		PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY ALZHEIMERS
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY 5420 CALIFORNIA AVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	13-1788491	501(C)(3)	10,000		FMV		TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR A WORLD WITHOUT CANCER AND TO DONATE IN MEMORY OF LATE DANA FABBRI.

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION INC PO BOX 4002030 DES MOINES, IA 503402030	13-5613797	501(C)(3)	14,500		FMV		TO SUPPORT THE RESEARCH, PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES AND CRITICAL TOOLS TO SAVE AND IMPROVE LIVES; AND TO FIGHT AGAINST THE VAPING EPIDEMIC.
BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1300 BAKER ST BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305	95-6000671		6,425		FMV		TO SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS.

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS PO BOX 1806 BAKERSFIELD, CA 933031806	46-4459706		8,000		FMV		TO SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND SPORTS
BAKERSFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION PO BOX 2401 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93303	95-3555043	501(C)(3)	10,000		FMV		TO SUPPORT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
BAKERSFIELD MUSIC THEATRE 1931 CHESTER AVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	23-7351668	501(C)(3)	91,667		FMV		TO PROVIDE A SPACE FOR ARTISTS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS TO LEARN AND SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE KERN COUNTY COMMUNITY A CULTURAL RESOURCE AND ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION
BAKERSFIELD WOMEN'S BUSINESS CONFERENCE PO BOX 11049 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313	27-4473875	501(C)(3)	6,100		FMV		TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF EFFORTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR WOMEN AT A CROSSROADS; SEEKING HIGHER EDUCATION; FIRST TIME EMPLOYMENT; MAKING A CAREER CHANGE OR LOOKING TO ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS.

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
BASKETBALL UNIVERSE ACADEMY 5113 PHISTO PLACE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313	27-2449172	501(C)(3)	71,154		FMV		TO TEACH AND EDUCATE YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILL AND SPORTSMANSHIP
CHILD GUIDANCE GUILD OF BAKERSFIELD INC 1905 18TH ST BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	77-0006491	501(C)(3)	5,000		FMV		TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS 18400 VON KARMEN AVE STE 900 IRVINE, CA 92612	87-0387205	501(C)(3)	39,900		FMV		TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.
COUNTY SCHOOLS SERVICE FUND DBA KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 1300 17TH ST BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	95-6000941		10,775		FMV		TO PROVIDE STUDENTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE COMMUNITY WITH EQUITY-FOCUSED LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT THROUGH PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
CSUB FOUNDATION 9003 STOCKDALE HWY 8 GYM BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311	95-2643086	501(C)(3)	201,500		FMV		TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD BY: ADVOCATING FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE COMMUNITY AND FUNDRAISING FOR UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.
GAMEDAY SPORTS ACADEMY 3101 GILMORE AVE STE 100 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308	83-4479668		50,000		FMV		TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT BENEFIT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF YOUNG ATHLETES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
GLOBAL FAMILY CARE NETWORK INC PO BOX 13160 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389	20-8346599	501(C)(3)	7,500		FMV		TO PRESERVE THE FAMILY AND PROTECT AT RISK CHILDREN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS, AND DONORS.
GREATER BAKERSFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PO BOX 1947 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93303	95-0521125	501(C)(6)	6,845		FMV		PROVIDE SUPPORT, NETWORKING, AND EDUCATION TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF BAKERSFIELD AND KERN COUNTY.

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 2100 CHESTER AVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	95-6006644		5,350		FMV		TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO OUR DIVERSE STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES.
KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 3300 TRUXTUN AVE STE 220 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	77-0555874	501(C)(3)	151,500		FMV		TO INCREASE CHARITABLE GIVING BY EDUCATING AND CONNECTING DONORS TO COMMUNITY NEEDS THEY CARE ABOUT, WITH A VIEW TOWARD FINDING SOLUTIONS TO HELP MAKE KERN COUNTY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, TO WORK AND TO VISIT.

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOUNDATION 1300 17TH ST CITY CENTRE 5TH FLOOR BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	77-0383293	501(C)(3)	25,500		FMV		TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY THROUGH THE KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 5801 SUNDALE AVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	95-6001764		99,778		FMV		TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ALLOW ALL STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL PREPARED TO SUCCEED IN THE WORKPLACE AND AT THE POST-SECONDARY LEVEL.

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
KERN LITERACY COUNCIL 331 18TH ST BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	23-7312722	501(C)(3)	5,000		FMV		EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES THROUGH LITERACY EDUCATION.
TRU FOUNDATION 11509 TAGUS DR BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301	82-2970434	501(C)(3)	5,000		FMV		TO PROVIDE A PLACE THAT WILL ALLOW FOR INDIVIDUALS TO GROW MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY.

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section if applicable	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of non-cash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
TULARE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PO BOX 1435 TULARE, CA 932751435	94-0936293	501(C)(6)	8,000		FMV		TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES THAT WILL PROVIDE JOB GROWTH IN THE TULARE COMMUNITY.

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Employer identification number
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropiate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.			
	☐ First-class or charter travel	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
	☑ Travel for companions	☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
	☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments	☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
	☐ Discretionary spending account	☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	**1b**	Yes	
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?	**2**	Yes	
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.			
	☑ Compensation committee	☐ Written employment contract		
	☑ Independent compensation consultant	☑ Compensation survey or study		
	☐ Form 990 of other organizations	☑ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:			
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	**4a**	Yes	
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	**4b**	Yes	
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	**4c**		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.			
	Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:			
a	The organization?	**5a**		
b	Any related organization?	**5b**		
	If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.			
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:			
a	The organization?	**6a**		
b	Any related organization?	**6b**		
	If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.			
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**7**		
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accured pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**8**		
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	**9**		

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	**(B)** Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			**(C)** Retirement and other deferred compensation	**(D)** Nontaxable benefits	**(E)** Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	**(F)** Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	**(ii)** Bonus & incentive compensation	**(iii)** Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINES 4A-B	THE CREDIT UNION PROVIDES CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN (PLAN). THE PLAN IS BEING FUNDED VIA LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND SPLIT DOLLAR LOAN AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO WITH THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE EXECUTIVES COVERED UNDER THE PLAN. AS PART OF THE SPLIT DOLLAR LOAN AGREEMENTS, THE EXECUTIVES HAVE ASSIGNED THE POLICIES TO THE CREDIT UNION AS COLLATERAL. THIS ASSIGNMENT SECURES REPAYMENT OF ANY ADVANCES AND ACCRUED INTEREST FOR THE POLICY PREMIUMS AND ANY OTHER ADVANCES UNDER ANY AGREEMENT. THE LOANS HAVE A FIXED INTEREST RATE, WITH INTEREST ACCRUED MONTHLY AND CAPITALIZED AS PART OF THE TOTAL LOAN BALANCE ANNUALLY. TOTAL SPLIT DOLLAR LOANS AND ACCRUED INTEREST APPROXIMATED $32,130,000 AND $12,132,000 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019,RESPECTIVELY. THE CREDIT UNION MAINTAINS NON-QUALIFIED PENSION PLANS FOR A SELECT GROUP OF MANAGEMENT. PARTICIPANTS ARE ELIGIBLE BASED ON APPROVAL BY THE CREDIT UNION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. UNDER THIS PLAN, PARTICIPANTS DEFER A PORTION OF THEIR COMPENSATION. THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION ACCOUNTS ARE SHOWN AS BOTH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON THE CREDIT UNION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ARE AVAILABLE TO CREDITORS IN THE EVENT OF THE CREDIT UNION'S LIQUIDATION. THE BALANCE OF THE PLAN APPROXIMATED $33,824,000 AND $30,195,000 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019, RESPECTIVELY. DURING 2020 THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED PAYOUTS FROM NON-QUALIFIED PENSION PLAN: STEPHEN P RENOCK IV - $275,000 MICHAEL GEORGE - $400,000 RUDY TAFOYA - $400,000

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Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1STEPHEN P RENOCK IV PRESIDENT/CEO	(i)	1,311,487	350,160	275,946	503,877	43,735	2,485,205	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1NICHOLAS AMBROSINI EVP/CFO	(i)	513,261	270,180	18,000	6,400	43,289	851,130	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2STEVEN MATEJKA EVP/COO	(i)	497,921	510,220	18,000	32,452	24,285	1,082,878	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 MICHAEL GEORGE FORMER SVP/CHIEF MARKETING INNOVATION & ADV	(i)	391,343	75,000	415,000	34,595	24,002	939,940	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4RUDY TAFOYA FORMER SVP CHIEF LENDING OFFICER	(i)	0	0	400,000	26,772	0	426,772	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5MARK MANNS SVP/CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	(i)	259,415	120,220	18,000	7,537	1,350	406,522	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6STEPHEN ROACH SVP/CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	(i)	295,455	75,390	18,000	8,400	44,600	441,845	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7CHARLES SMITH SVP/CHIEF LENDING OFFICER	(i)	283,536	34,050	13,500	8,730	13,563	353,379	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8SHONNA SHEARSON SVP OF OPERATIONS	(i)	235,450	11,477	10,500	7,937	1,910	267,274	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9JAMES HUSSEY DIRECTOR OF WEALTH MANAGEMENT	(i)	302,665	13,829	0	10,852	41,177	368,523	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10DEANNA BLAISE VP OF MEMBER BUSINESS SERVICES	(i)	248,115	35,060	12,000	7,261	43,595	346,031	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11CHEI WHITMORE VP OF BRANCHES	(i)	200,424	11,941	12,000	8,802	38,216	271,383	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12TIMOTHY SPENCER VP OF LENDING	(i)	206,902	11,215	0	8,322	7,370	233,809	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13CHRISTOPHER HANSON VP OF APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT	(i)	189,352	10,100	0	7,574	378	207,404	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14LINDSAY REYES VP OF ACCOUNTING	(i)	178,415	9,503	0	7,500	28,136	223,554	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15LEE JACOBS VP OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	(i)	171,265	9,408	0	5,246	14,304	200,223	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16AMIE HALE DIRECTOR OF E-SERVICES	(i)	170,003	7,414	0	6,866	3,225	187,508	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17KEVIN MCCLOSKEY DIRECTOR OF IT DEVELOPMENT	(i)	161,589	7,884	0	6,944	42,386	218,803	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18MARIA TRANCOSO SENIOR BUSINESS BANKING OFFICER	(i)	154,069	15,700	375	6,254	2,777	179,175	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19CLIFFORD JOSEPH SENIOR AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	(i)	159,986	3,360	0	6,379	338	170,063	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
21HERBERT SIEGERS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	(i)	134,230	5,879	0	5,452	14,211	159,772	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1RETHA CAMERON COMPLIANCE OFFICER	(i)	134,124	5,902	0	5,476	10,643	156,145	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2VANESSA HUDSON SENIOR BUSINESS LENDING MANAGER	(i)	127,520	10,700	0	5,491	40,748	184,459	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Transactions with Interested Persons

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions

(section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected? Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958. . . . . ▶ $

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ $

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization? To	From	(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default? Yes	No	(h) Approved by board or committee? Yes	No	(i) Written agreement? Yes	No
See Additional Data Table												
Total . . . . . ▶ $						19,342,520						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

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Form 990, Schedule L, Part II - Loans to and from Interested Persons

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e)Original principal amount	(f)Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i)Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) NICHOLAS AMBROSINI	OFFICER	FUND PURCHASE OF CASH VALUE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY		X	9,900,000	9,930,273		No	Yes		Yes	
(1) NICHOLAS AMBROSINI	OFFICER	AUTO		X	12,407	9,555		No	Yes		Yes	
(2) STEPHEN ROACH	OFFICER	AUTO		X	36,243	2,405		No	Yes		Yes	
(3) STEVEN MATEJKA	OFFICER	FUND PURCHASE OF CASH VALUE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY		X	9,150,000	9,177,980		No	Yes		Yes	
(4) AMIE HALE	KEY EMPLOYEE	PERSONAL LOAN		X	3,500	2,527		No	Yes		Yes	
(5) CHRISTOPHER HANSON	KEY EMPLOYEE	AUTO		X	32,832	7,402		No	Yes		Yes	
(6) JAMES HUSSEY	KEY EMPLOYEE	AUTO		X	77,530	59,504		No	Yes		Yes	
(7) LEE JACOBS	KEY EMPLOYEE	AUTO		X	36,732	3,655		No	Yes		Yes	
(8) CARL LANGE III	DIRECTOR	AUTO		X	62,000	59,774		No	Yes		Yes	
(9) CARL LANGE III	DIRECTOR	AUTO		X	25,929	21,953		No	Yes		Yes	
(10) DENNIS SCOTT	DIRECTOR	AUTO		X	54,381	31,613		No	Yes		Yes	
(11) JAMES FILLBRANDT	DIRECTOR	PERSONAL LOAN		X	4,861	3,242		No	Yes		Yes	
(12) JAMES FILLBRANDT	DIRECTOR	PERSONAL LOAN		X	25,000	17,856		No	Yes		Yes	
(13) TROY FRINGER	DIRECTOR	AUTO		X	26,895	2,374		No	Yes		Yes	
(14) TROY FRINGER	DIRECTOR	AUTO		X	25,030	12,407		No	Yes		Yes	

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION IS A COOPERATIVE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THAT IS OWNED AND CONTRO LLED BY ITS MEMBERS, AND OPERATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THRIFT AND SAVINGS TO ITS M EMBERS. VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION DOES NOT HAVE STOCKHOLDERS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE GOVERNING BOARD OF VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION IS COMPRISED OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS WHO AR E DIRECTLY ELECTED BY ITS MEMBERS. EACH MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD SERVES FOR A PERIOD AS PRESCRIBED BY ITS BY-LAWS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	AT THE END OF EACH TERM OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, ELECTIONS ARE HELD AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE VOT ED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION PURSUANT TO ITS BY-LAWS. MEMBER VOTES ARE ALSO REQUI RED TO RATIFY DECISIONS DEALING WITH REORGANIZATIONS AS IN THE CASE OF MERGER OR DISSOLUTI ON.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE 990 IS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD DURING ONE OF ITS BOARD MEETINGS. THE APPROVAL FOR FILING IS THEN DOCUMENTED IN THE BOARD MINUTES.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	EMPLOYEES, BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT KNOWN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. EMPLOY EES SIGN THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AT THE TIME OF HIRE AND ANNUALLY EACH YEAR.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD CONDUCTS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION TO DETERMINE SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO . VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION ALSO HAS A COMPENSATION SYSTEM THAT COMPARES SALARIES BASED O N OTHER CREDIT UNIONS, THEIR ASSET SIZE AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNIO N USES RANGES FOR ALL OF THEIR POSITIONS. EACH POSITION IS THEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED. FORM 9 90 PART VI SECTION B LINE 15B: THE CEO AND ESC EVALUATES EACH SENIOR EXECUTIVE POSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION'S COMPENSATION GUIDELINES, THE COMPENSATION SY STEM AND BASED ON THEIR OVERALL PERFORMANCE AS ASSESSED DURING THE FORMAL EVALUATION PROCE SS WHICH IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND CONFLI CT OF INTEREST POLICY AVAILABLE TO ITS MEMBERS UPON REQUEST.

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9:	OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME 114,747.

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:	THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT CHANGED EITHER ITS OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR SELECTION PROCESS DURING THE TAX YEAR.

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FORM 990	VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP AS A FEDERALLY-CHARTERED CREDIT UNION IN 1940. AS OF JANUARY 30, 2020, THE CREDIT UNION CHANGED ITS CHARTER TO STATE-CHARTER.

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization
VALLEY STRONG CU FKA
KERN SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Employer identification number
95-1652797

Part I **Identification of Disregarded Entities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) VALLEY STRONG SERVICES LLC 11500 BOLTHOUSE DRIVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311 06-1675166	INSURANCE	CA	423,579	14,658,620	VALLEY STRONG CREDIT UNION

Part II **Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? Yes	(g) No

Part III **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproprtionate allocations? Yes	(h) Disproprtionate allocations? No	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes	(j) General or managing partner? No	(k) Percentage ownership

Part IV **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? Yes	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? No

Part V **Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

		Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the orgranization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?			
a Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)**annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity	1a		
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b		
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c		
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d		
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e		
f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f		
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g		
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h		
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i		
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j		
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k		
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l		
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m		
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n		
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o		
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p		
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q		
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r		
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s		

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproprtionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. (see instructions).

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