

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [X] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... B This return/report is: [ ] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... [X] D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here... [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION, CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 501
1c Effective date of plan: 09/01/1978
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): BD OF TRUSTEES UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION, CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 11-2447683
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 516-747-5980
2d Business code (see instructions): 445110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	6583
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	6583
	<b>6a(2)</b>	6817
	<b>6b</b>	
	<b>6c</b>	
	<b>6d</b>	6817
	<b>6e</b>	
	<b>6f</b>	
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<b>6h</b>		
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	100

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
4J 4K 4U

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION, CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>501</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>BD OF TRUSTEES UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>11-2447683</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

**THE VANGUARD GROUP INC**

**23-1945930**

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

LOCAL 342 WELFARE FUND

15-0559586

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50	RELATED PARTY	1258000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

UFCW LOCAL 342 GROUP LEGAL FUND

11-2547525

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50	RELATED PARTY	869984	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

UFCW LOCAL 342 UNION

11-1890603

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50	RELATED PARTY	261000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NOVAK FRANCELLA LLC

61-1436956

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10 50	NONE	21329	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

EMMIDIO UNGARO

775 ROSSVILLE AVE  
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10309

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49 99	NONE	21314	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

JOCAR ELITE PROFESSIONALS, LLC

93-3757544

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49 99	NONE	21314	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

SOLARUS TECHNOLOGIES

45-5263753

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50	NONE	20405	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP

13-1840454

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
29 50	NONE	13215	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

SIMON & MILNER

93-3656105

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29 50	NONE	10000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NAKIESHA SMITH

14031 VALLEY MILLS DR  
FRISCO, TX 75033

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
16 50	NONE	6644	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

COUNSEL ADVISORS INC

93-2423182

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
16 50	NONE	5948	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	28399	80810
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	28394	27499
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	133633	80523
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	3571118	1307561
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>		2254851
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	3761544	3751244
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	22459	100240
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		59243
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	22459	159483
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	3739085	3591761

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	2588723	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		2588723
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	8382	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		8382
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	97242	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		97242
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		66247
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		2760594

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	1632288	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		1632288
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>	502058	
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	1757	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>	19572	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	3492	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>	23293	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses.....	<b>2i(11)</b>	725458	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		1275630
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		2907918

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-147324
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3)  neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **NOVAK FRANCELLA, LLC**

(2) EIN: **61-1436956**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2)  It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		285000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the  
UFCW Local 342 Safety, Education,  
Cultural and Activities Fund

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the UFCW Local 342 Safety, Education, Cultural and Activities Fund (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the UFCW Local 342 Safety, Education, Cultural and Activities Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all Plan amendments; administering the Plan; and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Supplemental Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year, Schedules of Benefits Paid, and Schedules of Administrative Expenses, together referred to as “supplemental information,” are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year represents supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Novak Francella LLC*

New York, New York  
October 10, 2025

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>INVESTMENTS - at fair value</b>		
Short-term investments	\$ 1,307,561	\$ 1,450,218
Mutual funds	<u>2,254,851</u>	<u>2,120,900</u>
Total Investments	<u>3,562,412</u>	<u>3,571,118</u>
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>		
Employer contributions receivable, net	27,499	28,394
Due from related entities	<u>76,143</u>	<u>129,203</u>
Total receivables	<u>103,642</u>	<u>157,597</u>
<b>CASH</b>		
	<u>80,810</u>	<u>28,399</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Prepaid expenses	<u>4,380</u>	<u>4,430</u>
Total assets	<u>3,751,244</u>	<u>3,761,544</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to related entities	59,243	-
Accounts payable	<u>100,240</u>	<u>22,459</u>
Total liabilities	<u>159,483</u>	<u>22,459</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,591,761</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,739,085</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ADDITIONS		
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 66,247	\$ 88,516
Interest income	105,624	110,036
	171,871	198,552
Less investment expenses	(3,492)	(3,517)
Net investment income	168,379	195,035
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Employer contributions	2,588,723	2,573,621
Total additions	2,757,102	2,768,656
DEDUCTIONS		
Cost of benefits	1,632,288	1,670,717
Administrative expenses	1,272,138	1,113,048
Total deductions	2,904,426	2,783,765
NET DECREASE	(147,324)	(15,109)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	3,739,085	3,754,194
End of year	\$ 3,591,761	\$ 3,739,085

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

**NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

**General** - The following brief description of the UFCW Local 342 Safety, Education, Cultural and Activities Fund (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for more complete information. The Plan is a multiemployer welfare benefit plan and was established pursuant to collective bargaining agreements with contributing employers. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

**Benefits** - The Plan provides safety, education, health awareness, cultural benefits and other activities for eligible participants and their dependents. Employees and their dependents will become eligible for benefits at such time as the applicable collective bargaining agreement requires the commencement of contributions on behalf of an employee to this Plan. Employees of the Union or an affiliated Employee Benefit Fund and their dependents shall also be eligible for benefits at such time as the obligation to make contributions to the Plan commences on an employee's behalf. Reference should be made to the summary plan description for specific details regarding eligibility and benefits.

**NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Method of Accounting** - The accompanying financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

**Investment** - The short-term investments are carried at cost which approximates fair value. Investments in mutual funds are carried at fair value which generally represents the net asset value of the funds as of the last day of the year as provided by the custodian.

**Employer Contributions** - Employer contributions due but not paid at year end are recorded as contributions receivable. The estimate for expected credit losses considers historical loss experience, current economic conditions and forward-looking information, including factors such as payment history, employer financial condition and labor trends. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the allowance for credit losses was \$5,400 and \$6,000, respectively.

**Property and Equipment** - Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Major additions are capitalized while replacements, maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets are expenses currently. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 5-7 years.

**Payment of Benefits** - Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

## **NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **NOTE 3. FUNDING**

The Plan is financed by employer contributions. The employer contribution rates are specified in the collective bargaining agreements with employers. Employer contributions are accounted for as exchange transactions.

## **NOTE 4. PRIORITIES UPON TERMINATION**

It is the intent of the Trustees to continue the Plan in full force and effect; however, to safeguard against any unforeseen contingencies, the right to discontinue the Plan is reserved to the Trustees. In the event of termination, the Trustees shall first satisfy or make provisions to satisfy the obligations of the Plan. Any remaining Plan assets will be distributed in such manner as will in the opinion of the Trustees bring about the purpose of the Plan. Termination shall not permit any part of the Plan to be used for or diverted to purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the participants.

## **NOTE 5. TAX STATUS**

The Plan obtained its latest exemption letter on August 23, 1990, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the exemption letter. The Plan's Trustees and the Plan's counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination by the U.S. Federal, state, or local taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Typically, plan tax years will remain open for three years; however, this may differ depending upon the circumstances of the Plan.

## **NOTE 6. CASH CONCENTRATION**

The Plan places its cash with financial institutions deemed to be creditworthy. Cash balances may at times exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured deposit limits of \$250,000.

## NOTE 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### Identification of Related Organizations

The Plan has the following related entities with which it has transactions:

- AMC & RFSEU Local 342 Welfare Fund
- AMC & RFSEU Local 342 Group Legal Services Fund
- UFCW Local 342 Savings and 401(k) Fund
- AMC & RFSEU Local 342 Health Care Fund
- UFCW Local 50-627 Severance Pay Fund
- UFCW Local 342

All of the above entities qualify as tax-exempt organizations. The entities listed above share common Trustees or officers with this Plan.

Certain plan investments are managed by Vanguard. Vanguard is a Trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transaction. These transactions have been denoted as such on the supplemental Schedule of Reportable Transactions.

### Administrative Expenses

The Plan reimburses UFCW Local 342, AMC & RFSEU Local 342 Welfare Fund, and AMC & RFSEU Local 342 Group Legal Services Fund for its portion of shared administrative expenses, which includes salaries and payroll taxes. The shared administrative expenses are allocated on a basis approved by the Plan's Trustees. Due to or from related entities on the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits represents the balance owed or receivable for these reimbursements as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The reimbursed amounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$2,388,984 and \$2,396,873, respectively.

### Benefits

Contributions made to related benefit plans on behalf of all employee groups consisted of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
AMC & RFSEU Local 342 Health Care Fund	\$ 147,483	\$ 159,753
UFCW Local 342 Savings and 401(k) Fund	55,320	53,930
UFCW Local 342 Safety, Education, Cultural and Activities Fund	2,310	2,251
AMC & RFSEU Local 342 Group Legal Services Fund	<u>660</u>	<u>643</u>
Total	<u>\$ 205,773</u>	<u>\$ 216,577</u>

## **NOTE 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)**

The Plan shares the cost of the UFCW Local 342 employee pension benefit withdrawal liability due to the Local 153 OPEIU Pension Fund based on a shared expense allocation agreement. The withdrawal liability was determined in March 2013 and reallocated in July 2015 and again in March 2024. The Plan has an allocated withdrawal liability of \$91,104 and \$22,168 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan made payments of its allocated portion totaling \$14,431 and \$10,573, respectively.

The transactions above qualify as party-in-interest transactions which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

## **NOTE 8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

### **Basis of Fair Value Measurement:**

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

**NOTE 8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no transfers in or out of levels 1, 2, or 3.

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy, the major categories of the Plan's asset measured at fair value at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2024				
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Short-term investments	\$ 1,307,561	\$ 1,307,561	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	2,254,851	2,254,851	-	-
	<u>\$ 3,562,412</u>	<u>\$ 3,562,412</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

  

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023				
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Short-term investments	\$ 1,450,218	\$ 1,450,218	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds	2,120,900	2,120,900	-	-
	<u>\$ 3,571,118</u>	<u>\$ 3,571,118</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**NOTE 9. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

The following is a summary of property and equipment as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Office and computer equipment	\$ 89,245
Leasehold improvements	35,932
	<u>125,177</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(125,177)</u>
Total	<u>\$ -</u>

**NOTE 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and they have been evaluated in accordance with relevant accounting standards.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

**SCHEDULES OF BENEFITS PAID**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Safety expense	\$ 1,402,271	\$ 1,360,203
Scholarships	107,000	128,000
Cultural expense	109,314	165,027
Education expense	<u>13,703</u>	<u>17,487</u>
 Total cost of benefits	 <u>\$ 1,632,288</u>	 <u>\$ 1,670,717</u>

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

**SCHEDULES OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
Payroll	\$ 274,709	\$ 288,884
Rent	203,361	171,145
Employee benefits - contributions	120,491	116,213
Office	108,945	116,051
Insurance	84,730	107,460
Employee benefits - withdrawal liability	83,366	-
Auto and travel	64,598	72,358
Reallocated expenses	58,922	-
Consulting	56,395	23,448
Repairs and maintenance	32,520	33,536
Utilities	31,400	23,033
Computer	27,128	22,251
Telephone	25,733	24,848
Legal fees	23,293	21,594
Payroll taxes	23,492	23,355
Audit, accounting and payroll audits	21,329	17,715
Postage	9,638	7,332
Printing	8,846	10,222
Meetings and conferences	8,653	23,507
Subscriptions	2,408	1,653
Bank fees	2,181	1,780
Sponsorship	-	6,663
	-	6,663
 Total administrative expenses	 \$ 1,272,138	 \$ 1,113,048

**UFCW LOCAL 342 SAFETY, EDUCATION,  
CULTURAL AND ACTIVITIES FUND**

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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(a)	(b)	(c)			(d)	(e)	
		Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value					
Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Type	Maturity Date	Rate of Interest	Par / Maturity Value or Shares	Cost	Current Value	
<u>Item 1c(1) Short-term investments:</u>							
	Amalgamated Bank Money Market	MMA	Demand	Var %	714,743	\$ 714,743	\$ 714,743
*	Vanguard Treasury Money Market	MMA	Demand	Var	592,818	592,818	592,818
	Total short-term investment				<u>1,307,561</u>	<u>1,307,561</u>	
<u>Mutual Funds:</u>							
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index				178,021	1,688,899	1,687,640
*	Vanguard 500 Index Fund				1,045	411,189	567,211
	Total mutual funds				<u>2,100,088</u>	<u>2,254,851</u>	
	Total investments				<u>\$ 3,407,649</u>	<u>\$ 3,562,412</u>	

\* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

**THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE  
ATTACHMENT FOR THE ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION**

SEE ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION FOR SCHEDULE  
OF ASSETS HELD