FOLLOWING THE MONEY: SOURCE TO SINK

How the Data Center Industry Funds Public Messaging and Political Influence on Data-Center Water Use in Virginia

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Executive Summary

In hydrology, you trace water from source to sink, or follow non-point-source pollution upstream to its origin. Money moves the same way. This report traces, entirely through public records, the flow of funding behind the "data centers are good for Virginia" message that has recently saturated Virginia media. Three entities — the Data Center Coalition ("DCC"), Virginia Connects, and the Virginia Digital Infrastructure PAC — share common officers, a common office, common industry funding, and a common controlling parent. Each of these relationships is documented in filings with the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Virginia Department of Elections. None of it is hidden; but the flow only becomes visible once the records are mapped end to end.

This report presents the documented facts and the questions they raise. It does not assert that any law has been violated; those determinations rest with the appropriate regulators. Where a characterization would go beyond what the records show on their face, this report says so.

I. Method and Sources

1. This report relies exclusively on public records: the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("SCC") Clerk's Information System; the 2024 IRS Form 990 filed by Virginia Connects (EIN 99-3320283); and the Statement of Organization and campaign-finance reports filed with the Virginia Department of Elections (State Board of Elections) by the VA Digital Infrastructure PAC (Committee ID PAC-24-00021). Each record was obtained from its official public source. Figures reproduced below are copies of those records.

II. Source — The Data Center Industry and Its Trade Association

2. The Data Center Coalition is the data-center industry's trade association. Per the SCC record, it is a Virginia Nonstock Corporation (Entity ID 08458697), "Active and In Good Standing," formed June 26, 2019, with a principal office at 1250 H St NW, Ste 880, Washington, D.C., and a published contact address at 525-K East Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia.

3. The DCC's board is a roster of the largest owners, operators, and hyperscale users of data-center infrastructure. Its President is Josh Levi. Table 1 lists the directors and officers and their member-company affiliations.

Table 1. Data Center Coalition directors and officers (source: SCC Clerk's Information System).

Name	DCC Role	Official Title	Member Organization
Shannon Kellogg	Chair	VP, AWS Public Policy – Americas	Amazon Web Services
Robert M. Jackson	Vice Chair	EVP, General Counsel & Secretary	CyrusOne
Keith P. Harney	Secretary	Chief Growth Officer	CloudHQ
Kevin Hughes	Treasurer	Chief External Affairs Officer	STACK Infrastructure
Josh Levi	President	President (association executive)	Data Center Coalition
John Stephenson	Director	VP, Public Policy, Global	Vantage Data Centers
Nick A. Blessing	Director	Chief of Staff	QTS Data Centers
Page Haun	Director	Chief Marketing & ESG Strategy Officer	Cologix
Brett Collard	Director	SVP, Land Development	Compass Datacenters
Maile Kaiser	Director	Chief Revenue Officer	CoreSite (American Tower)
Kevin Gundersen	Director	Head of Public Affairs	Digital Realty
Behnaz Kibria	Director	Director, Gov't Affairs & Public Policy	Google
Jennifer Gallagher	Director	VP, Head of Global Government Affairs	Iron Mountain
Rima Alaily	Director	Corporate VP & GC, Infrastructure Legal	Microsoft
Rick Crutchley	Director	Chief Operating Officer	Stream Data Centers
Natalie Stewart Mitchell	Director	SVP, Gov't Affairs & Campus Development	Switch
David W. Robinson	Director	EVP, Strategic Development & GC	Aligned Data Centers
Sara Axelrod	Director	VP, Public Affairs & Sustainability	Crusoe
Lisa Youngers	Director	Head of Public Policy & External Affairs	EdgeConneX
Therese Kerfoot	Director	EVP, Strategy	EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure
Arquelle Shaw	Director	President, Americas	Equinix
Rebecca Carey-Smith	Director	Director, Data Center Policy	Meta
Drew Johnson	Director	Senior Vice President	Oppidan
Chris Curtis	Director	Global Head of Data Centers	Prologis
Karen Stein	Director	Chief Administrative Officer & GC	T5 Data Centers

III. Channel — Two Downstream Entities

A. Virginia Connects — the public-messaging arm

4. Virginia Connects is a 501(c)(4) social-welfare organization. Its stated mission is to "educate the public on the benefits" of data centers, and its 2024 Form 990 describes producing "creatively produced videos, mailers, and other creative elements" to that end. Its officers are Tim Hughes (Chair), Josh Levi (President), and Allison Gilmore (Treasurer).

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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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and 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 the 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): Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) Tim Hughes Chair	5 0	✓	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0	0	0
(2) Josh Levi President	10 0	✓	☐	✓	☐	☐	☐	0	0	0
(3) Allison Gilmore Treasurer	10 0	✓	☐	✓	☐	☐	☐	0	0	0
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(8)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(9)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			

Figure 1. *Virginia Connects, 2024 IRS Form 990, Part VII (officers; each reporting zero compensation).*

5. The President of Virginia Connects, Josh Levi, is the same person who serves as President of the Data Center Coalition. The two organizations therefore share a chief executive officer.

6. On its 2024 Form 990, Virginia Connects answers "No" to whether it engaged in direct or indirect political campaign activity (Part IV, line 3). The same return omits Schedule R (Related Organizations) and answers "No" to the related-organization questions at Part IV, lines 33–38. It reports $1,380,000 in contributions on Schedule B, with each contributor listed as "N/A" (withholding donor names from public inspection is permitted for a 501(c)(4)).

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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	☐	☑
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2	☑	☐
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	☐	☑
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10	☐	☑
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,"*			

Figure 2. *Virginia Connects, 2024 IRS Form 990, Part IV, lines 2–3 ("No" to political campaign activity).*

7. The return's Part IX reports $1,170,937 in advertising and promotion — the large majority of its $1,265,122 in total expenses — and its Part VII, Section B identifies one independent contractor, Link Public Affairs of Richmond, paid $693,537 for "digital marketing." In other words, a public-education nonprofit whose revenue is entirely from undisclosed contributors spent nearly all of it on advertising and a single PR vendor.

B. The VA Digital Infrastructure PAC — the political arm

8. The Virginia Digital Infrastructure PAC is a state political action committee. Its Statement of Organization, filed with the Virginia Department of Elections, is unusually explicit about its parentage. On its face, the PAC (a) checks the box stating it is "established or controlled by a corporation doing business in Virginia"; (b) names its affiliated organization as "Data Center Coalition (DCC)"; (c) states its relationship to that affiliate as "Unincorporated Political Action Committee of DCC"; and (d) lists the committee email nicole@datacentercoalition.org and mailing address 2920 W Broad St, Ste 41, Richmond — the same address Virginia Connects reports on its Form 990.

Virginia State Board of Elections | Commonwealth of Virginia

Statement of Organization
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Type of Statement

☐ NEW

This committee is registering with the Virginia State Board of Elections for the first time.

☒ AMENDED

This committee is filing an amended Statement of Organization.

Date Changes Took Effect	SBE-issued Committee ID
09/10/2025	PAC-24-00021

Name of Committee

VA Digital Infrastructure PAC

Full Name of Committee

Committee Acronym (if applicable)

☒ Check this box if this committee is established or controlled by a corporation doing business in Virginia

Committee Mailing Address

2920 W Broad St			Suite 41
Street Address/P.O. Box			Suite #
Richmond	VA	23230	
City	State	Zip Code	
nicole@datacentercoalition.org		(804) 690-2466	
Email Address		Business Phone	
Committee Website			

Affiliated Organization or PAC

☒ Check this box if this committee is affiliated with another organization or PAC. If so, provide the following information:

Data Center Coalition (DCC)			
Full Name of Affiliated Organization			
525-K East Market Street Box 253			
Street Address/P.O. Box			Suite #
Leesburg	VA	20176	
City	State	Zip Code	
Unincorporated Political Action Committee of DCC			
Relationship of this Committee to Affiliated Organization			

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Figure 3. *VA Digital Infrastructure PAC, Statement of Organization (PAC-24-00021), page 1 — declaring itself the "Unincorporated PAC of DCC."*

IV. The Common Funding Pool

9. The PAC's campaign-finance reports identify its contributors. They are, in substantial part, the same data-center companies whose officers sit on the DCC board. Table 2 cross-references the PAC's reported large contributions against the DCC governance roster.

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Scheduled Reports

Reporting Period	Amendment	Filed	Contributions Received	Ending Balance	
04/01/2026 to 05/25/2026		06/01/2026	$4,000.00	$172,567.40	View Report
01/01/2026 to 03/31/2026		04/15/2026	$17,500.00	$168,765.40	View Report
10/08/2025 to 12/31/2025		01/15/2026	$150,000.00	$179,163.76	View Report
09/01/2025 to 10/07/2025		10/15/2025	$0.00	$249,621.85	View Report
05/26/2025 to 08/31/2025		09/12/2025	$0.00	$259,032.25	View Report
04/01/2025 to 05/25/2025	1	09/11/2025	$0.00	$309,032.25	View Report
04/01/2025 to 05/25/2025		05/28/2025	$0.00	$259,032.25	View Report
01/01/2025 to 03/31/2025	1	05/28/2025	$0.00	$309,032.25	View Report
01/01/2025 to 03/31/2025		04/15/2025	$0.00	$304,032.25	View Report
10/08/2024 to 12/31/2024	1	05/28/2025	$215,000.00	$314,032.25	View Report
10/08/2024 to 12/31/2024		01/14/2025	$215,000.00	$309,032.25	View Report
09/01/2024 to 10/07/2024		10/14/2024	$275,000.00	$274,681.00	View Report
06/21/2024 to 08/31/2024		09/11/2024	$100.00	$100.00	View Report

Large Contribution Reports

Date	Source	Type	Amendment	Amount	
12/19/2025	Amazon PO Box 80683 Seattle WA, 98108-0683	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
12/19/2025	CyrusOne 2850 N Harwood St Ste 2200 Dallas TX, 75201	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
12/12/2025	Vantage Data Centers Management Co., LLC 2820 Northwestern Pkwy Santa Clara CA, 95051	Cash Contribution		$50,000.00	View Report
11/12/2025	CloudHQ 1212 New York Ave, NW Suite 1000 Washington DC, 20005	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
10/20/2025	Amazon PO Box 80683 Seattle WA, 98108-0683	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
12/31/2024	Vantage Data Centers Management Co., LLC 2820 Northwestern Pkwy Santa Clara CA, 95051	Cash Contribution		$50,000.00	View Report
11/22/2024	CloudHQ 1212 New York Ave, NW Suite 1000 Washington DC, 20005	Cash Contribution		$150,000.00	View Report
10/21/2024	Visa 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW Ste 800 Washington DC, 20004	Cash Contribution		$10,000.00	View Report
10/04/2024	STACK Infrastructure 1700 Broadway Suite 1750 Denver CO, 80290	Cash Contribution		$250,000.00	View Report
09/23/2024	Amazon PO Box 80683 Seattle WA, 98108-0683	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report

Large Expenditure Reports

Date	Payee	Description	Amendment	Amount

Figure 4. *VA Digital Infrastructure PAC, Virginia Department of Elections campaign-finance reports (contributions and expenditures)* https://cfreports.elections.virginia.gov/Committee/Index/43e35166-9b8d-4dc5-bb5a-86233e494fef#ScheduledReports

Table 2. Reported large contributions to the VA Digital Infrastructure PAC and their DCC governance overlap

PAC Contributor (per SBE reports)	Amount to VDI PAC	Also a DCC Director/Officer affiliate?
Amazon	$75,000 (3 gifts)	Yes — Shannon Kellogg (Chair)
STACK Infrastructure	$250,000	Yes — Kevin Hughes (Treasurer)
CloudHQ	$175,000	Yes — Keith P. Harney (Secretary)
Vantage Data Centers	$100,000	Yes — John Stephenson
CyrusOne	$25,000	Yes — Robert M. Jackson (Vice Chair)
Visa	$10,000	(payment network member)

Documented large contributions total approximately $635,000. On the expenditure side, the PAC reported more than $100,000 in campaign contributions to Virginia candidates of both parties, including a $5,000 contribution to Friends of Mark Obenshain on January 6, 2026.

V. Sink — Common Control, Public Opinion, and Political Influence

10. Read together, the records show a common structure. Table 3 summarizes it: Virginia Connects (a nonprofit declaring no political campaign activity) and the VA Digital Infrastructure PAC (a committee making political contributions) share leadership and an office, are funded by the same industry, and trace to a common parent — the DCC. The PAC states that parentage itself; Virginia Connects is linked through its shared President.

Table 3. Documented relationships among the DCC, Virginia Connects, and the VA Digital Infrastructure PAC.

Entity	Officer(s) / Contact	Address	Documented Relationship
Data Center Coalition	Josh Levi — President	1250 H St NW #880, Washington DC; 525-K E Market St, Leesburg	Trade association / parent body
Virginia Connects	• Josh Levi — President; • Tim Hughes — Chair; • Allison Gilmore — Treasurer	2920 W Broad St, Ste 41, Richmond	Shares President with DCC; same office as PAC
VA Digital Infrastructure PAC	Nicole Riley — Treasurer (nicole@datacentercoalition.org)	2920 W Broad St, Ste 41, Richmond	Self-declared "Unincorporated PAC of DCC"; "controlled by a corporation"

11. Figure 5 maps the full structure: the member technology companies at the source, funding both a public-messaging nonprofit and a political action committee, with a common trade-association parent exercising officer overlap and (as to the PAC) declared control.

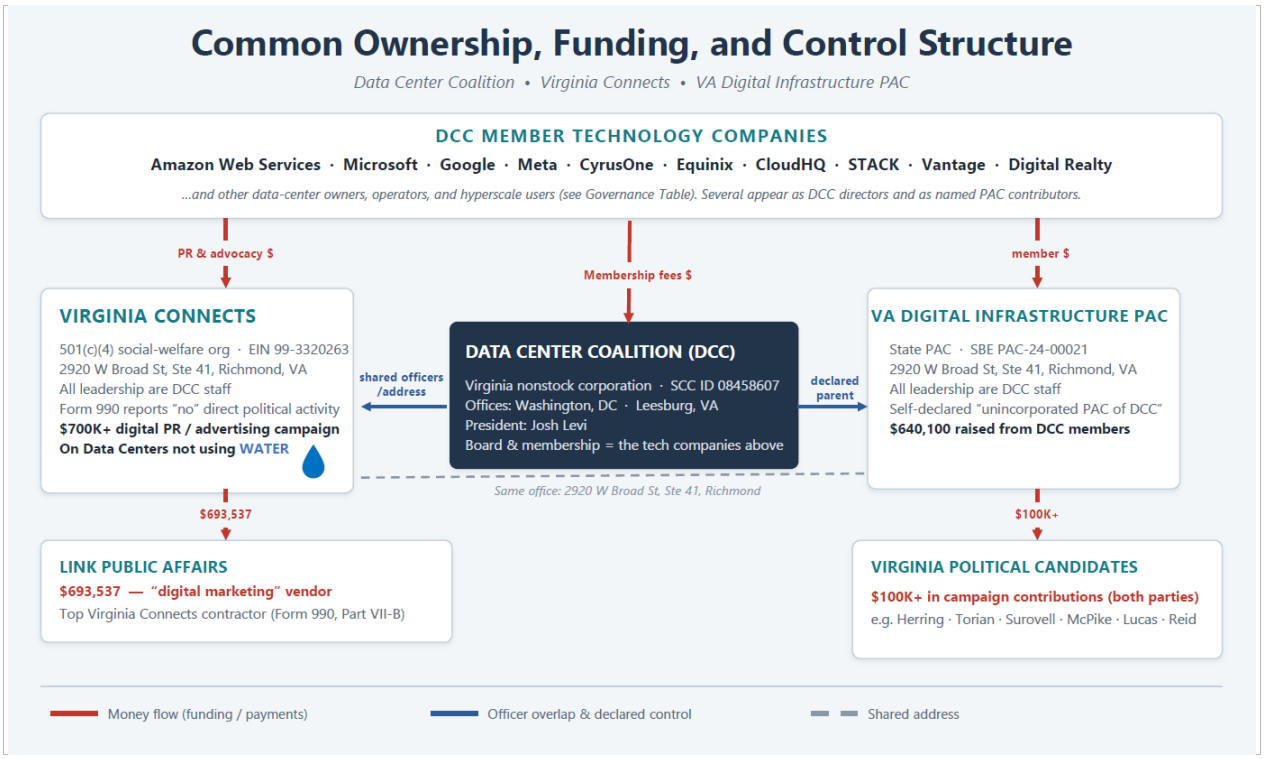

Figure 5. *Documented funding, officer overlap, and declared control among the DCC, Virginia Connects, and the VA Digital Infrastructure PAC (compiled from the public records cited in this report).*

VI. Questions Raised by the Record

12. These documented facts raise questions that are properly directed to regulators and to the public, not resolved here:

(a) How does a 501(c)(4) that shares a President, an office, and a funding base with an affiliated political action committee determine that it engaged in no direct or indirect political campaign activity, and that no related-organization reporting (Schedule R) was required?

(b) Should Virginians understand that the "independent" public voice on data centers and the political money flowing to their elected representatives trace to the same industry source?

(c) Are the specific public claims about data-center water use, funded through this structure, accurate when measured against utility billing and water-use records?

VII. Conclusion

13. Public influence, like public water, can be measured — if the records exist. Here they do. The Data Center Coalition, Virginia Connects, and the VA Digital Infrastructure PAC are connected by common officers, a common office, common industry funding, and, by the PAC's own declaration, a common controlling parent. This report draws no legal conclusions; it maps what the public filings show and invites scrutiny by regulators, journalists, and the public. The documents are cited throughout and are available to anyone who wishes to verify them.

Sources

This report is based on public records and states documented facts and the questions they raise. It does not allege that any person or organization has violated any law.

Ex. 1

State Corporation Commission
Clerk's Information System

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Entity Information

Entity Information

Entity Name:	Data Center Coalition	Entity ID:	08458697
Entity Type:	Nonstock Corporation	Entity Status:	**Active**
Series LLC:	N/A	Reason for Status:	Active and In Good Standing
Formation Date:	06/26/2019	Status Date:	07/08/2024
VA Qualification Date:	06/26/2019	Period of Duration:	Perpetual
Industry Code:	0 - General	Annual Report Due Date:	N/A
Jurisdiction:	VA	Charter Fee:	$50.00
Registration Fee Due Date:	Not Required		

Registered Agent Information

RA Type:	Entity	Locality:	Henrico
RA Qualification:	BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA		
Name:	C T CORPORATION SYSTEM	Registered Office Address:	4701 Cox Rd Ste 285, Glen Allen, VA, 23060 - 6808, USA

Principal Office Address

Address: 1250 H St NW Ste 880, Washington, DC, 20005 - 5943, USA

Principal Information

Title	Director	Name	Address	Last Updated
	Yes	John Stephenson	4500 VANTAGE DATA PLAZA, STERLING, VA, 20166 - 0000, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Nick A Blessing	12851 FOSTER STREET, OVERLAND PARK, KS, 66213 - 0000, USA	07/08/2024
Secretary	Yes	KEITH P HARNEY	1212 NEW YORK AVE SUITE 1000, WASHINGTON, DC, 20005 - 0000, USA	05/18/2026

Title	Director	Name	Address	Last Updated
President	No	Josh Levi	1250 H Street NW, #880, Washington, DC, 20005, USA	05/18/2026
Vice Chair	Yes	Robert Jackson	2850 N. Harwood Street, Suite 2200, Dallas, TX, 75201, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	David Robinson	60 Backus Avenue, Danbury, CT, 06810, USA	04/24/2021
	Yes	Rebecca Carey-Smith	1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park, CA, 94025, USA	04/27/2022
	Yes	Arquelle Shaw	One Lagoon Drive, Redwood City, CA, 94065, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Jennifer Gallagher	801 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 410, Washington, DC, 20004, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Rima Alaily	One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA, 98052, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Behnaz Kibria	POB ox 2050, Mountain View, CA, 94042, USA	05/18/2026
Treasurer	Yes	Kevin Hughes	1700 Broadway, Suite 1750, Denver, CO, 80290, USA	05/18/2026
Chair	Yes	Shannon Kellogg	410 Terry Avenue North, Seattle, WA, 98109, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Page Haun	1601 19TH ST., STE 650, Denver, CO, 80202, USA	06/13/2023
	Yes	Chris Curtis	2021 McKinney Ave, Suite # 1050, Dallas, TX, 75201, USA	06/20/2025
	Yes	Brett Collard	14555 N Dallas Parkway , Suite 125, Dallas, TX, 75254, USA	06/20/2025
	Yes	Maile Kaiser	1001 17th St STE 500, Denver, CO, 80202, USA	06/20/2025
	Yes	Kevin Gundersen	5707 Southwest Parkway Building 1, Suite 275 , Austin, TX, 78735, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Lisa Youngers	2201 Cooperative Way #400, Herndon, VA, 20171, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Therese Kerfoot	999 17th Street, Suite 200, Denver, CO, 80202, USA	06/20/2025
	Yes	Rick Crutchley	2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 400, Dallas, TX, 75201, USA	06/20/2025
	Yes	Natalie Stewart Mitchell	7135 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV, 89118, USA	06/20/2025
	Yes	Karen Stein	3344 Peachtree Road, NE , Suite 2550, Atlanta, GA, 30326, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Sara Axelrod	255 Filmore St., Suire 400, Denver, CO, 80206, USA	05/18/2026
	Yes	Drew Johnson	400 Water Street, Suite 200, Excelsior, MN, 55331, USA	05/18/2026

MEMBER - DIRECTOR INFORMATION

Member Information:
Corporation NONVOTING Members

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Ex. 2

Form **8453-TE**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Tax Exempt Entity Declaration and Signature for Electronic Filing

For calendar year 2024, or tax year beginning JAN 01, 2024, and ending DEC 31, 20 24

For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP
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OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

Name of filer: VIRGINIA CONNECTS

EIN or SSN: 99-3320283

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a,** or **10a** below, and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b,** or **10b,** whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	**Form 990** check here	☑	b **Total revenue,** if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	1,380,000
2a	**Form 990-EZ** check here	☐	b **Total revenue,** if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a	**Form 1120-POL** check here	☐	b **Total tax** (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a	**Form 990-PF** check here	☐	b **Tax based on investment income** (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
5a	**Form 8868** check here	☐	b **Balance due** (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a	**Form 990-T** check here	☐	b **Total tax** (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a	**Form 4720** check here	☐	b **Total tax** (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	**Form 5227** check here	☐	b **FMV of assets at end of tax year** (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a	**Form 5330** check here	☐	b **Tax due** (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a	**Form 8038-CP** check here	☐	b **Amount of credit payment requested** (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

11a ☐ I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.

b ☐ If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☑ I am an officer of the above named entity or ☐ I am the person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) VIRGINIA CONNECTS, (EIN) 99-3320283, and that I have examined a copy of the 2024 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS **(a)** an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, **(b)** the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and **(c)** the date of any refund.

Sign Here

Josh Levi	11/13/2025	President
Signature of officer or person subject to tax	Date	Title, if applicable

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only

ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer ☐	Check if self-employed ☐	ERO's SSN or PTIN
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code				EIN
				Phone no.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN
Firm's name				Firm's EIN
Firm's address				Phone 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:

Virginia Connects is a nonprofit organization that represents a broad coalition of stakeholders who educate the public on the benefits and highlights the essential infrastructure data centers provide in our daily lives and modern 21st-century economy.

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 $ 1,257,460 including grants of $ 0) (Revenue $ 0)

Virginia Connects has used creatively produced videos, mailers, and other creative elements to educate the public on the benefits that data centers provide in our everyday lives.

4b (Code: _____) (Expenses $ 0 including grants of $ 0) (Revenue $ 0)

4c (Code: _____) (Expenses $ 0 including grants of $ 0) (Revenue $ 0)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
(Expenses $ 0 including grants of $ 0) (Revenue $ 0)

4e Total program service expenses 1,257,460

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	☐	☑
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2	☑	☐
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	☐	☑
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13	☐	☑
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a	☐	☑
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	☐	☑

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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and 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 the 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): Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) Tim Hughes Chair	5 0	✔	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	0	0	0
(2) Josh Levi President	10 0	✔	☐	✔	☐	☐	☐	0	0	0
(3) Allison Gilmore Treasurer	10 0	✔	☐	✔	☐	☐	☐	0	0	0
(4)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(5)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(6)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(7)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(8)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(9)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(10)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(11)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(12)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(13)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(14)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			

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): Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(15)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(16)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(17)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(18)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(19)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(20)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(21)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(22)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(23)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(24)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
(25)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			
1b **Subtotal**								0	0	0
c **Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A**										
d **Total (add lines 1b and 1c)**								0	0	0

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 0

		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	3	☐	☑
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	☐	☑
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	☐	☑

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
Link Public Affairs, 1402 Belleville St, Richmond, VA 23230	Digital Marketing	693,537

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 1

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	0				
	b	Membership dues	1b	0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	0				
	d	Related organizations	1d	0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,380,000				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a–1f	1g	$ 0				
	h	**Total.** Add lines 1a–1f			1,380,000			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a				0	0	0	0
	b				0	0	0	0
	c				0	0	0	0
	d				0	0	0	0
	e				0	0	0	0
	f	All other program service revenue			0	0	0	0
	g	**Total.** Add lines 2a–2f			0			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			0	0	0	0
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds			0	0	0	0
	5	Royalties			0	0	0	0
				(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a	Gross rents	6a	0	0			
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b	0	0			
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	0	0			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)				0	0	0
				(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	0	0			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	0	0			
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	0	0			
	d	Net gain or (loss)				0	0	0
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	0				
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b	0				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			0		0	0
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a	0				
	b	Less: direct expenses	9b	0				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			0	0	0	0
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	0				
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b	0				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
	11a				0	0	0	0
	b				0	0	0	0
	c				0	0	0	0
	d	All other revenue			0	0	0	0
	e	**Total.** Add lines 11a–11d			0			
	12	**Total revenue.** See instructions			1,380,000	0	0	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				
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				
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				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	7,662		7,662	
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.)	22,100	22,100		
12 Advertising and promotion	1,170,937	1,170,937		
13 Office expenses	34,423	34,423		
14 Information technology	30,000	30,000		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	1,265,122	1,257,460	7,662	0
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)				

Name of organization: VIRGINIA CONNECTS

Employer identification number: 99-3320283

Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	N/A N/A N/A	$ 400,000	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	N/A N/A N/A	$ 250,000	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	N/A N/A N/A	$ 250,000	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	N/A N/A N/A	$ 250,000	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	N/A N/A N/A	$ 100,000	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	N/A N/A N/A	$ 50,000	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of the Organization	EIN
VIRGINIA CONNECTS	99-3320283

Part 1 **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	N/A	$25,000.00	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	N/A	$25,000.00	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	N/A	$20,000.00	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	N/A	$10,000.00	Person ☑ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)	Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ	2024

Name of the Organization	EIN
VIRGINIA CONNECTS	99-3320283

Part and Line Number: **Part I Line 1**

Virginia Connects is a nonprofit organization that represents a broad coalition of stakeholders who educate the public on the benefits and highlights the essential infrastructure data centers provide in our daily lives and the modern 21st-century economy.

Part and Line Number: **Part VI Line 11(a)**

Virginia Connects provided a draft copy of the Form 990 to its officers and directors for questions, corrections, and comments prior to filing.

Part and Line Number: **Part VI Line 17**

Part and Line Number: **Part VI Line 19**

Virginia Connects did not make these documents and policies available.

Form **8453-TE**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Tax Exempt Entity Declaration and Signature for Electronic Filing

For calendar year 2024, or tax year beginning JAN 01, 2024, and ending DEC 31, 20 24

For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP
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OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

Name of filer: VIRGINIA CONNECTS

EIN or SSN: 99-3320283

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a,** or **10a** below, and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b,** or **10b,** whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	**Form 990** check here	☑	b **Total revenue,** if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	1,380,000
2a	**Form 990-EZ** check here	☐	b **Total revenue,** if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a	**Form 1120-POL** check here	☐	b **Total tax** (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a	**Form 990-PF** check here	☐	b **Tax based on investment income** (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
5a	**Form 8868** check here	☐	b **Balance due** (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a	**Form 990-T** check here	☐	b **Total tax** (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a	**Form 4720** check here	☐	b **Total tax** (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	**Form 5227** check here	☐	b **FMV of assets at end of tax year** (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a	**Form 5330** check here	☐	b **Tax due** (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a	**Form 8038-CP** check here	☐	b **Amount of credit payment requested** (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

11a ☐ I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.

b ☐ If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☑ I am an officer of the above named entity or ☐ I am the person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) VIRGINIA CONNECTS, (EIN) 99-3320283, and that I have examined a copy of the 2024 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS **(a)** an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, **(b)** the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and **(c)** the date of any refund.

Sign Here

Josh Levi	11/13/2025	President
Signature of officer or person subject to tax	Date	Title, if applicable

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only

ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer ☐	Check if self-employed ☐	ERO's SSN or PTIN
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code				EIN
				Phone no.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN
Firm's name			Firm's EIN	
Firm's address			Phone no.	

Ex. 3

Virginia State Board of Elections

Commonwealth of Virginia

Statement of Organization
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Type of Statement

☐ NEW

This committee is registering with the Virginia State Board of Elections for the first time.

☒ AMENDED

This committee is filing an amended Statement of Organization.

Date Changes Took Effect	SBE-issued Committee ID
09/10/2025	PAC-24-00021

Name of Committee

VA Digital Infrastructure PAC

Full Name of Committee

Committee Acronym (if applicable)

☒ **Check this box if this committee is established or controlled by a corporation doing business in Virginia**

Committee Mailing Address

2920 W Broad St			Suite 41
Street Address/P.O. Box			**Suite #**
Richmond	VA	23230	
City	**State**	**Zip Code**	
nicole@datacentercoalition.org		(804) 690-2466	
Email Address		**Business Phone**	

Committee Website

Affiliated Organization or PAC

☒ **Check this box if this committee is affiliated with another organization or PAC. If so, provide the following information:**

Data Center Coalition (DCC)

Full Name of Affiliated Organization

525-K East Market Street Box 253

Street Address/P.O. Box			**Suite #**
Leesburg	VA	20176	
City	**State**	**Zip Code**	

Unincorporated Political Action Committee of DCC

Relationship of this Committee to Affiliated Organization

Statement of Organization
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Purpose of Committee

Indicate the purpose of this Committee (please be as specific as possible):

Data centers and digital infrastructure

Candidates this Committee Supports or Opposes

(skip to next section if supporting a specific party)

Full Name and Address of Candidate	Office Sought	Party Affiliation	Support or Oppose?

(attach additional sheets if more space needed)

Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

This Committee intends to participate in elections on the following levels: (check all that apply)

- [x] **Statewide elections**
- [x] **General Assembly elections**
- [x] **Local elections**

If "Local Elections" is checked please list the cities, counties and/or towns the committee intends to be active in:

1) Loudoun County
2)
3) Prince William County
4)
5)
6)

Statement of Organization
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Treasurer

Treasurer Information	Riley (Salutation, Last Name) Nicole (First Name) Middle Name Suffix nicole@datacentercoalition.org (Email Address) (804) 690-2466 (Daytime Phone #)
Treasurer Residential Address	7906 Cottesmore Terrace (Street Address) Apt # Richmond (City) VA (State) 23228 (Zip Code)
Treasurer Business Address	2920 W Broad St (Street Address/P.O. Box) Suite 41 (Suite #) Richmond (City) VA (State) 23230 (Zip Code)

Principal Custodian of the Books

Principal Custodian Information	☐ Check this box if the Principal Custodian of the Books is the same person as the Treasurer. If they are the same person, skip this section. Riley (Salutation, Last Name) Nicole (First Name) Middle Name Suffix nicole@datacentercoalition.org (Email Address) (804) 690-2466 (Daytime Phone #) Treasurer (Position or Title)
Principal Custodian Residential Address	7906 Cottesmore Terrace (Street Address) Apt # Richmond (City) VA (State) 23228 (Zip Code)
Principal Custodian Business Address	2920 W Broad St (Street Address/P.O. Box) Suite 41 (Suite #) Richmond (City) VA (State) 23230 (Zip Code)

Additional Officers (optional)

Additional Officers	Full Name	Title	Daytime Phone #
	Full Name	Title	Daytime Phone #

Ex. 4

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Scheduled Reports

Reporting Period	Amendment	Filed	Contributions Received	Ending Balance	
04/01/2026 to 05/25/2026		06/01/2026	$4,000.00	$172,567.40	View Report
01/01/2026 to 03/31/2026		04/15/2026	$17,500.00	$168,765.40	View Report
10/08/2025 to 12/31/2025		01/15/2026	$150,000.00	$179,163.76	View Report
09/01/2025 to 10/07/2025		10/15/2025	$0.00	$249,621.85	View Report
05/26/2025 to 08/31/2025		09/12/2025	$0.00	$259,032.25	View Report
04/01/2025 to 05/25/2025	1	09/11/2025	$0.00	$309,032.25	View Report
04/01/2025 to 05/25/2025		05/28/2025	$0.00	$259,032.25	View Report
01/01/2025 to 03/31/2025	1	05/28/2025	$0.00	$309,032.25	View Report
01/01/2025 to 03/31/2025		04/15/2025	$0.00	$304,032.25	View Report
10/08/2024 to 12/31/2024	1	05/28/2025	$215,000.00	$314,032.25	View Report
10/08/2024 to 12/31/2024		01/14/2025	$215,000.00	$309,032.25	View Report
09/01/2024 to 10/07/2024		10/14/2024	$275,000.00	$274,681.00	View Report
06/21/2024 to 08/31/2024		09/11/2024	$100.00	$100.00	View Report

Large Contribution Reports

Date	Source	Type	Amendment	Amount	
12/19/2025	Amazon PO Box 80683 Seattle WA, 98108-0683	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
12/19/2025	CyrusOne 2850 N Harwood St Ste 2200 Dallas TX, 75201	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
12/12/2025	Vantage Data Centers Management Co., LLC 2820 Northwestern Pkwy Santa Clara CA, 95051	Cash Contribution		$50,000.00	View Report
11/12/2025	CloudHQ 1212 New York Ave, NW Suite 1000 Washington DC, 20005	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
10/20/2025	Amazon PO Box 80683 Seattle WA, 98108-0683	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
12/31/2024	Vantage Data Centers Management Co., LLC 2820 Northwestern Pkwy Santa Clara CA, 95051	Cash Contribution		$50,000.00	View Report
11/22/2024	CloudHQ 1212 New York Ave, NW Suite 1000 Washington DC, 20005	Cash Contribution		$150,000.00	View Report
10/21/2024	Visa 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW Ste 800 Washington DC, 20004	Cash Contribution		$10,000.00	View Report
10/04/2024	STACK Infrastructure 1700 Broadway Suite 1750 Denver CO, 80290	Cash Contribution		$250,000.00	View Report
09/23/2024	Amazon PO Box 80683 Seattle WA, 98108-0683	Cash Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report

Large Expenditure Reports

Date	Payee	Description	Amendment	Amount

Date	Payee	Description	Amendment	Amount	
11/03/2025	Friends of Scott Wyatt PO Box 365 Mechanicsville VA, 23111	Campaign Contribution		$1,500.00	View Report
11/03/2025	Terry L. Austin for House of Delegates PO Box 398 Buchanan VA, 24066	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
11/03/2025	Kathy Tran for Delegate PO Box 2731 Springfield VA, 22152	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Candi King for VA PO Box 310 Garrisonville VA, 22463	Campaign Contribution		$5,000.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Nadarius Clark for Delegate PO Box 829 Suffolk VA, 23439	Campaign Contribution		$2,000.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Friends of Marcus Simon for Delegate PO Box 958 Falls Church VA, 22040	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/28/2025	McNamara for Delegate Committee PO Box 21094 Roanoke VA, 24018	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Lopez for Delegate PO Box 40366 Arlington VA, 22204	Campaign Contribution		$1,500.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Chris Runion for Delegate PO Box 202 Bridgewater VA, 22812	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Friends of Charniele Herring 715 N Ashton Street Alexandria VA, 22312	Campaign Contribution		$5,000.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Elect Bloxom for Delegate PO Box 27 Mappsville VA, 23407	Campaign Contribution		$1,500.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Friends of Anne Ferrell Tata PO Box 1442 Virginia Beach VA, 23451	Campaign Contribution		$1,500.00	View Report
10/28/2025	Destiny for Virginia 9962 Brook Rd #671 Glen Allen VA, 23059	Campaign Contribution		$1,500.00	View Report
10/15/2025	Moving Mountains PAC P.O. Box 71596 Henrico VA, 23225	Campaign Contribution		$25,000.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Virginia Legislative Black Caucus PO Box 35 Richmond VA, 23218	Campaign Contribution		$5,000.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Friends of Irene Shin P.O. Box 5501 Herndon VA, 20172	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Friends of Briana Sewell P.O. Box 1849 Woodbridge VA, 22195	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Friends of Amanda Batten PO Box 194 Norge VA, 23127	Campaign Contribution		$5,000.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Friends of Alex Askew PO Box 64544 Virginia Beach VA, 23467	Campaign Contribution		$1,500.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Michael Feggans for Virginia 900 Commonwealth Place PMB 2141 Virginia Beach VA, 23464	Campaign Contribution		$2,000.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Friends of Luke Torian 4222 Fortuna Center Plaza Suite 659 Dumfries VA, 22025	Campaign Contribution		$5,000.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Wilt for Delegate PO Box 1425 Harrisonburg VA, 22803	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Friends of David Bulova PO Box 106 Fairfax Station VA, 22039	Campaign Contribution		$2,500.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Ballard for Delegate PO Box 341 Pearisburg VA, 24134	Campaign Contribution		$1,500.00	View Report

Date	Payee	Description	Amendment	Amount	
10/10/2025	Reid for Delegate PO Box 4132 Ashburn VA, 20148	Campaign Contribution		$5,000.00	View Report
10/10/2025	Friends of Geary Higgins PO Box 388 Waterford VA, 20197	Campaign Contribution		$5,000.00	View Report

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Virginia Digital Infrastructure PAC

Campaign Contributions

Committee ID PAC-24-00021 · Virginia Department of Elections

The table below lists reported contributions from the Virginia Digital Infrastructure PAC to Virginia House of Delegates candidates and committees, cross-referenced against each recipient's district, party, and 2025 general-election outcome. **Documented contributions total $97,000 across 26 recipients.**

Date	Recipient (per PAC report)	Legislator	Dist.	Party	Amount	Reelected 2025
01/03/2025	Friends of Scott Wyatt	Scott A. Wyatt	60	R	$1,500	Won
11/03/2025	Terry L. Austin for House of Delegates	Terry L. Austin	37	R	$2,500	Won
11/03/2025	Kathy Tran for Delegate	Kathy KL Tran	18	D	$2,500	Won
10/28/2025	Candi King for VA	Candi Mundon King	23	D	$5,000	Won, then resigned
10/28/2025	Nadarius Clark for Delegate	Nadarius E. Clark	84	D	$2,000	Won
10/28/2025	Friends of Marcus Simon for Delegate	Marcus B. Simon	13	D	$2,500	Won
10/28/2025	McNamara for Delegate Committee	Joseph P. McNamara	40	R	$2,500	Won
10/28/2025	Lopez for Delegate	Alfonso H. Lopez	3	D	$1,500	Won
10/28/2025	Chris Runion for Delegate	Chris Runion	35	R	$2,500	Won
10/28/2025	Friends of Charniele Herring	Charniele L. Herring	4	D	$5,000	Won
10/28/2025	Elect Bloxom for Delegate	Robert S. Bloxom Jr.	100	R	$1,500	Won
10/28/2025	Friends of Anne Ferrell Tata	Anne Ferrell H. Tata	99	R	$1,500	Won
10/28/2025	Destiny for Virginia	Destiny L. LeVere Bolling	80	D	$1,500	Won
10/15/2025	Moving Mountains PAC	(PAC, not a legislator)	—	PAC	$25,000	N/A
10/10/2025	Virginia Legislative Black Caucus	(caucus committee)	—	Caucus	$5,000	N/A
10/10/2025	Friends of Irene Shin	Irene Shin	8	D	$2,500	Won
10/10/2025	Friends of Briana Sewell	Briana D. Sewell	25	D	$2,500	Won
10/10/2025	Friends of Amanda Batten	Amanda Batten	71	R	$5,000	Lost
10/10/2025	Friends of Alex Askew	Alex Q. Askew	95	D	$1,500	Won
10/10/2025	Michael Feggans for Virginia	Michael Feggans	97	D	$2,000	Won
10/10/2025	Friends of Luke Torian	Luke E. Torian	24	D	$5,000	Won
10/10/2025	Wilt for Delegate	Tony O. Wilt	34	R	$2,500	Won
10/10/2025	Friends of David Bulova	David L. Bulova	11	D	$2,500	Won, then resigned
10/10/2025	Ballard for Delegate	Jason S. Ballard	42	R	$1,500	Won
10/10/2025	Reid for Delegate	David A. Reid	28	D	$5,000	Won
10/10/2025	Friends of Geary Higgins	Geary Higgins	30	R	$5,000	Lost
	TOTAL				**$97,000**	

Summary: candidate committees $67,000 · political/caucus committees $30,000 · **to candidates who lost their 2025 race $10,000** (Amanda Batten, Geary Higgins).

Legend: **Won** = reelected Nov. 4, 2025; **Lost** = defeated; **Won, then resigned** = won in Nov. 2025 but left the seat for a cabinet post in early 2026 (Candi King, Secretary of the Commonwealth; David Bulova, Secretary of Natural Resources).

Sources: Contribution data from VA Digital Infrastructure PAC (PAC-24-00021), Virginia Department of Elections campaign-finance reports. Legislator name and district from the Virginia House of Delegates official member directory (house.vga.virginia.gov), 2026 session. Reelection outcomes from 2025 certified results (Virginia Department of Elections, Ballotpedia, Associated Press). Party labels are compiler identification. This document states documented facts; it alleges no violation of law.

Ex. 5

Data Center Coalition Privacy Policy Contact

DATA CENTER COALITION

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How to Contact Us/Unsubscribing

If you have any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy, you may contact us at:

Data Center Coalition
525-K East Market Street #253, Leesburg, VA 20176
info@datacentercoalition.org

You have the right to unsubscribe from our email or other communications at any time. All such requests should be directed to

info@datacentercoalition.org

or via postal mail sent to DCC.

525-K East Market Street #253, Leesburg, VA 20176

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Ex. 6

Common Ownership, Funding, and Control Structure

Data Center Coalition • Virginia Connects • VA Digital Infrastructure PAC

DCC MEMBER TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES

Amazon Web Services · Microsoft · Google · Meta · CyrusOne · Equinix · CloudHQ · STACK · Vantage · Digital Realty

...and other data-center owners, operators, and hyperscale users (see Governance Table). Several appear as DCC directors and as named PAC contributors.

PR & advocacy $

Membership fees $

member $

VIRGINIA CONNECTS

501(c)(4) social-welfare org · EIN 99-3320263
2920 W Broad St, Ste 41, Richmond, VA
All leadership are DCC staff
Form 990 reports "no" direct political activity
$700K+ digital PR / advertising campaign
On Data Centers not using WATER

shared officers /address

DATA CENTER COALITION (DCC)

Virginia nonstock corporation · SCC ID 08458607
Offices: Washington, DC · Leesburg, VA
President: Josh Levi
Board & membership = the tech companies above

declared parent

VA DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PAC

State PAC · SBE PAC-24-00021
2920 W Broad St, Ste 41, Richmond, VA
All leadership are DCC staff
Self-declared "unincorporated PAC of DCC"
$640,100 raised from DCC members

Same office: 2920 W Broad St, Ste 41, Richmond

$693,537

$100K+

LINK PUBLIC AFFAIRS

$693,537 — "digital marketing" vendor
Top Virginia Connects contractor (Form 990, Part VII-B)

VIRGINIA POLITICAL CANDIDATES

$100K+ in campaign contributions (both parties)
e.g. Herring · Torian · Surovell · McPike · Lucas · Reid

Money flow (funding / payments) · Officer overlap & declared control · Shared address