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Item 25: Blue Diamond Resolution

- a. E-mail from Marcy Rein-Subject: Comments for City Council
- b. Letter from the hourly Blue Diamond Growers employees supporting Blue Diamond and its management
- c. Speaker slips for those who did not speak
 - 1. Shawn Roy
 - 2. Mike Flores
 - 3. Ludmila Stoliarora
 - 4. Grantland Johnson
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Subject: comments for city council

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From: "Marcy Rein" <marcy.rein@ilwu.org> [Add to Address Book](#) [Add](#)
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Hi Ludmila—You can call me on my cell at [510-847-4443](tel:510-847-4443) if you want to talk about this, or just e-mail me back if it's OK. Thank you!!—Marcy

My name is Ludmila Stoliarova. I want to tell you how Blue Diamond treated me and why I think we need the company needs to change its ways.

I worked for Blue Diamond from August 2001 to May 2006 as a general laborer. I worked very hard. No one ever had a problem with my work.

In April 2005, after people started wearing yellow union shirts, one of my supervisors came up to me one day when I was wearing a yellow blouse. He asked, "Why are you wearing the color yellow?" At the same time he took hold of my smock at the height of my chest and pulled it open to see if the blouse I was wearing had the union logo on it. More than once after that when I

was wearing yellow he would tell me, "We do NOT like that color here." They knew I liked the union and my partner is an outspoken union supporter.

On April 27 this year, I saw a co-worker carrying empty cardboard boxes to the trash and asked if I could have two to take home. I wanted to use them to store old things I wanted to donate to the poor.

They were just plain boxes, with no Blue Diamond logo. My lead asked me about them the next day and I offered to return them. They fired me instead.

I'm sure they fired me because I like the union. The boxes were just an excuse. Blue Diamond needs to stop firing and harassing people who support the union. We should have the right to make our own decision without going through this.

I hope you will vote for the resolution supporting the workers at Blue Diamond. Thank you

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"...the magic hands are the hands of the people."—Franz Fanon

Nov. 29th, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor Fargo and Council members,

Re: Resolution Supporting Employees of Blue Diamond Growers Nov. 9th, 2006

This letter is on behalf of the hourly Blue Diamond Growers employees in response to the Resolution that was proposed on Nov 9th, 2006. But first we want to make it clear that this letter was not initiated, endorsed, or authorized by Blue Diamond Growers management, nor are we here to defend the charges brought against Blue Diamond Growers. We want to let you know that the two Blue Diamond Growers employees that spoke at the Nov. 9th meeting do not represent the majority of Blue Diamond employees, and neither do the other speakers on behalf of the ILWU. We felt it was time to speak up, and let you know our feelings before you make a decision on the resolution.

The average length of employment at Blue Diamond is 28 years. We come to work and give an honest days work as expected, not dictated. The reference that people come to work in fear is an over dramatic statement. What is there to fear?

There have been positive changes at Blue Diamond Growers regarding hourly employees in the last two years, mostly due to hourly and management group meetings. For the last two years, the ILWU has been campaigning to represent the hourly work force with only a small group of employees interested. If working conditions were as bad as depicted on the Nov. 9th meeting, we wouldn't be here today, but would have already exercised our right to have a vote for representation. The fact is, the ILWU does not have, and never has had enough employee support to call for a vote for representation.

Thank you for this opportunity to hear the other side.

The hourly employees of Blue Diamond Growers.

1 Donald Rob 2 Arita Berque 3 Geys Mattos
4 Al Ramirez 5 MARIA VALLEJO 6 Betty Insley
7 Laura Valdivia 8 Muhamed Alen 9 Alan R. Stashall
10 Alon Rodriguez 11 FRANCISCO VALLEJO 12 Dan Jones
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