

Dear Valued Client,

We hope this finds you well, and that your 2021 has been a successful and happy year.

We want to let you know that there are new things in the works. We are doing our best to expand our services and ability to help you, our clients, at an even greater level of service and expertise. With this goal in mind, we at Hester Taxes are excited to announce a merger with BQ Tax & Accounting Ltd. We feel with this merger we will be an even stronger resource for all your tax, accounting, payroll and advisory needs.

BQ Tax & Accounting Ltd started in beautiful Upstate New York, in the small town of Cobleskill where their Home Office still operates on the East Coast. You will find BQ's West Coast office in Citrus Heights, California with several smaller offices sprinkled in between.

The principals of BQ Tax & Accounting Ltd are Fred Stein, CPA and Tioni Kala Croote, EA. Fred is the Tax Partner and Tioni is the Managing Partner who handles operations management for the firm. BQ has a full-time permanent staff, most of who you will likely meet, on the phone, by email or in person, in the future. The Okaley office will remain open and Fred will have some office hours there each week. Dezi will still be there as well, so you are sure to have a friendly face when you visit. We will be working closely with Fred, Tioni, and their team to ensure that the transition is smooth. We will be available to assist with all our clients for your tax and bookkeeping needs now and in the future.

We are sure that you may be wondering as to why we are making this move. Well, we want to expand and create a better value for you all. We also want the opportunity to have a change of pace. Judy is taking a little bit quieter of a role so that she may enjoy more free time and dabble in some retirement life. I, myself (Carmen) am taking the opportunity to try out a new home in Texas. We love our clients and we are not going anywhere. We are just going to be working a little differently, a little less face to face; however still very available over email and phone.

Please be on the lookout for information with the new name, BQ Tax & Accounting Ltd. In addition, we will be implementing a new client portal and many new value-added tools for your convenience and security.

We wish you a happy autumn, and look forward to serving your tax and accounting needs in 2022 and beyond!

Sincerely,

Carmen & Judy Hester