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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

**2009**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)  
 Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.  
 The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , 2009, and ending , 20

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific instructions.	<b>C Name of organization</b> <b>ACORN PROJECTS &amp; PARTNERS, LTD.</b>	<b>D Employer identification number</b> <b>30-0217129</b>
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>251 W LUSHER AVE</b>	<b>E Telephone number</b> <b>574-606-9184</b>
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>ELKHART, IN 46517</b>	<b>F Group Exemption Number</b> ▶

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**G Accounting Method**  Cash  Accrual  
Other (specify) ▶

**H Check**  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**I Website:** ▶

**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) —  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K Check**  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ** ▶ \$ **202899**

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

		Revenue	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	1	202846
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	2	
3	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	3	
4	Investment income . . . . .	4	53
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	5a	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	5b	
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	5c	
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
a	Gross revenue (not including reported on 2010) of contributions . . . . .	6a	
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses . . . . .	6b	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a) . . . . .	6c	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	7a	
b	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	7b	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ ) . . . . .	8	
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 . . . . .	9	202899
		Expenses	
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) . . . . .	10	208500
11	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	12	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	13	
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	14	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	15	
16	Other expenses (describe ▶ BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEES ) . . . . .	16	33
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . .	17	208533
		Net Assets	
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	18	-5634
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	19	6787
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) . . . . .	20	0
21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .	21	1153

**Part II Balance Sheets.** If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. (See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	6787	22 1153
23	Land and buildings . . . . .		23
24	Other assets (describe ▶ ) . . . . .		24
25	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	6787	25 1153
26	<b>Total liabilities</b> (describe ▶ ) . . . . .	0	26 0
27	<b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) . . . . .	6787	27 1153

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity . . . . .		✓
<b>34</b>	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes . . . . . <b>SEE ATTACHMENT 1 - NAME CHANGE.</b>	✓	
<b>35</b>	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year? . . . . .		
<b>36</b>	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N . . . . .		✓
<b>37a</b>	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ <b>37a</b> 0		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .		✓
<b>38a</b>	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . . <b>38b</b>		
<b>39</b>	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . . <b>39a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . . <b>39b</b>		
<b>40a</b>	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
<b>b</b>	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b>	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . . . ▶ 0		
<b>d</b>	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ 0		
<b>e</b>	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T. . . . .		✓
<b>41</b>	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <b>INDIANA</b>		
<b>42a</b>	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <b>MICHAEL HART</b> Telephone no. ▶ <b>574-295-4357</b> Located at ▶ <b>2601 BENHAM AVE., ELKHART, IN</b> ZIP + 4 ▶ <b>46517</b>		
<b>b</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . .	Yes	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		✓
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.</b>		
<b>c</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? . . . . . If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		✓
<b>43</b>	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . ▶ <b>43</b>		
<b>44</b>	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .		✓
<b>45</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .		✓

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
<b>46</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>46</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	<b>47</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>48</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	<b>49a</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	<b>49b</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Sign Here**

▶ Michael E Hart Signature of officer | 08-02-10 Date  
 ▶ **MICHAEL E. HART, SECRETARY/TREASURER**  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed   
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EIN ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2009**

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Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization <b>ACORN PROJECTS &amp; PARTNERS, LTD.</b>	Employer identification number <b>30 : 0217129</b>
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I      b  Type II      c  Type III—Functionally integrated      d  Type III—Other

e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? . . . . .	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? . . . . .	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? . . . . .	11g(iii)	

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	18936	5080	17750	44496	202846	289108
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	18936	5080	17750	44496	202846	289108
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						-0-
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						289108

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	18936	5080	17750	44496	202846	289108
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources					53	53
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						289161
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	99.98 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	87.19 %
16a <b>33 1/3 % support test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>33 1/3 % support test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Attachment 1  
Part V, Line 34  
Name Change

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
CORPORATION BUREAU  
206 NORTH OFFICE BUILDING  
P.O. BOX 8722  
HARRISBURG, PA 17105-8722  
WWW.CORPORATIONS.STATE.PA.US/CORP

Acorn Projects & Partners, Ltd.

THE CORPORATION BUREAU IS HAPPY TO SEND YOU YOUR FILED DOCUMENT THE CORPORATION BUREAU IS HERE TO SERVE YOU AND WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR DOING BUSINESS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CORPORATION BUREAU, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE LOCATED AT WWW.CORPORATIONS.STATE.PA.US/CORP OR PLEASE CALL OUR MAIN INFORMATION TELEPHONE NUMBER (717)787-1057. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BUSINESS AND / OR UCC FILINGS, PLEASE VISIT OUR ONLINE "SEARCHABLE DATABASE" LOCATED ON OUR WEB SITE.

ENTITY NUMBER: 3166179

Acorn Projects & Partners  
251 West Lusher Ave  
Elkhart, IN 46517

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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
CORPORATION BUREAU

Articles of Amendment-Domestic Corporation  
(15 Pa.C.S.)

- Business Corporation (§ 1915)  
 Nonprofit Corporation (§ 5915)

Name Mr. Al Haynes, President, Acorn Project & Partners, Ltd.		
Address 251 W. Lusher Avenue		
City Elkhart,	State IN	Zip Code 46517

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT-NONPROFIT 3 Page(s)



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In compliance with the requirements of the applicable provisions (relating to articles of amendment), the undersigned, desiring to amend its articles, hereby states that:

1. The name of the corporation is:  
Acorn Projects & Partners

2. The (a) address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth or (b) name of its commercial registered office provider and the county of venue is (the Department is hereby authorized to correct the following information to conform to the records of the Department):

(a) Number and Street	City	State	Zip	County
1313 Highland Pines Drive,	Pittsburgh,	PA	15237	Allegheny

(b) Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
c/o \_\_\_\_\_

3. The statute by or under which it was incorporated: Nonprofit Corporation Act

4. The date of its incorporation: August 29, 2003

5. Check, and if appropriate complete, one of the following:

The amendment shall be effective upon filing these Articles of Amendment in the Department of State.

The amendment shall be effective on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Hour

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6. Check one of the following:

- The amendment was adopted by the shareholders or members pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 1914(a) and (b) or § 5914(a).
- The amendment was adopted by the board of directors pursuant to 15 Pa. C.S. § 1914(c) or § 5914(b).

7. Check, and if appropriate, complete one of the following:

- The amendment adopted by the corporation, set forth in full, is as follows

The name of the corporation shall be changed to Acorn Projects & Partners, Ltd.

- The amendment adopted by the corporation is set forth in full in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

8. Check if the amendment restates the Articles:

- The restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original articles and all amendments thereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof this

29<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
2008.

Acorn Projects & Partners, Ltd.

Name of Corporation

Al Haynes 3/29/2008  
Signature

President

Title