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Form **990-EZ**  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Short Form

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)  
All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 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

OMB No 1545-1150  
**2012**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012, and ending 12-31-2012**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization Lima Growth Association Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 150 S Jackson St City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Lima, OH 45805	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 34-1787834 <b>E</b> Telephone number (800) 362-7557 <b>F</b> Group Exemption Number
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**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:  N/A

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one)  501(c)(3)  501(c)(6) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. **\$ 9,720**

### Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

(see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	
<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b> 6,190
<b>4</b> Investment income	<b>4</b> 3,530
<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	<b>5a</b>
<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>5b</b> 0
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	<b>5c</b>
<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events	
<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	<b>6a</b>
<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	<b>6b</b> 0
<b>c</b> Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	<b>6c</b> 0
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>7a</b>
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold	<b>7b</b> 0
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	<b>7c</b>
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	<b>9</b> 9,720
Expenses	
<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	<b>13</b> 1,000
<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	<b>14</b> 7,287
<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	<b>16</b> 6,567
<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	<b>17</b> 14,854
Net Assets	
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	<b>18</b> -5,134
<b>19</b> 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)	<b>19</b> 157,742
<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>20</b> 628
<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	<b>21</b> 153,236

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	269,249	<b>22</b>	306,707
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	182,893	<b>24</b>	140,929
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	452,142	<b>25</b>	447,636
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	294,400	<b>26</b>	294,400
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	157,742	<b>27</b>	153,236

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?  
 To improve the local economy and employment opportunities by assisting business to move into the area

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

**Expenses**  
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

<b>28</b> To improve the local economy and employment opportunities by assisting business to move into the area (Grants \$ ) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>
<b>29</b> . . . . . (Grants \$ ) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>
<b>30</b> . . . . . (Grants \$ ) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ ) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . .	<b>32</b>

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Peggy Ehora Treasurer	1 00	0		
R Barry Hardy President	1 00	0		

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the

instructions for Part V ) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Form 990-EZ (2012) questions 33-45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance. Includes questions about significant activities, changes to documents, unrelated business income, political expenditures, loans, and tax shelter transactions.

Yes No

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . . 46 No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

Yes No

47 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 . . . . . 47

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . . 48

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . . 49a

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . . 49b

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 "

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee paid more than \$100,000; (b) Average hours per week devoted to position; (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC); (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation; (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Row 1 contains '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 "

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000; (b) Type of service; (c) Compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE: All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . Yes No

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: Signature of officer (Peggy Ehora, Treasurer) and Date (2013-10-14).

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (John E Klay, CPA), Date, Check self-employed, PTIN (P00278955), Firm's name (ES Evans and Company), Firm's EIN, Firm's address (205 West Elm Street, Lima, OH 45801), Phone no (419) 223-3075.

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

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

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2012**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization  
Lima Growth Association

**Employer identification number**

34-1787834

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 1007	Total Liabilities 1007	Secured Mortgages and Notes Payable - Beginning \$294400 Secured Mortgages and Notes Payable - Ending \$294400
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 1	Other Assets 1	Other Real Estate Ow ned - Beginning \$72993 Other Real Estate Ow ned - Ending \$72993
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 1005	Other Assets 1005	Accounts Receivable - Beginning \$109900 Accounts Receivable - Ending \$67936
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 3	Other Expenses 3	Real Estate Tax \$1236
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 2	Other Expenses 2	Dues \$1512
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1	Other Expenses 1	Insurance \$3512
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1002	Other Expenses 1002	Office Expenses \$307