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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2014

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014, and ending 12-31-2014

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL
C/O LAPORTE - STEVE ROMIG
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 111 VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD NO 600
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: METAIRIE, LA 70005

D Employer identification number: 72-1201437
E Telephone number: (504) 833-8551
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: [X] Cash [ ] Accrual Other (specify)

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

I Website: HTTP://WWW.JEFFERSONBUSINESSCOUNCIL.COM/

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

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation [ ] Trust [ ] Association [ ] Other

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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. Total: \$193,904

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 [X]

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21). Values include 193,376, 528, 193,904, 20,000, 109,500, 9,052, 57,635, 196,187, -2,283, 243,459, 0, 241,176.

**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 . . . . .	337,960	<b>22</b>	311,176
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .	0	<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	337,960	<b>25</b>	311,176
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	94,501	<b>26</b>	70,000
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	243,459	<b>27</b>	241,176

**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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?  
THE PURPOSE OF THE JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL SHALL BE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS WILL ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE, OR ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC POSTURE, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON AND THE RIVER REGION

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

**28** THE JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL (JBC) IS COMPRISED OF THE PARISH'S MOST INFLUENTIAL AND CIVIC MINDED BUSINESS LEADERS. MEMBERS INCLUDE DISTINGUISHED SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE PARISH'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS WHICH COLLECTIVELY HAVE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE PARISH'S ECONOMIC HEALTH. OUR DIVERSE MEMBERS RANGE FROM MAJOR BANKS, REGIONAL LAW FIRMS, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS, AND MANY OTHER LARGE AND SMALL COMPANIES. THE JBC ACCOMPLISHES ITS MISSION IN TWO WAYS: BY PROVIDING A PROACTIVE FORUM FOR BUSINESSES, AND THROUGH ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP. WE FOSTER OPEN, FREQUENT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AS BUSINESS NEED GOVERNMENT POLICIES THAT UNLEASH THE STRENGTH OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WE ASSIST PARISH LEADERS IN DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH. THE JBC HAS THE MEMBERS, AGENDA, AND DETERMINATION TO ASSURE THE PROSPERITY OF THE REGION'S LARGEST PARISH. SINCE KATRINA, THE JBC HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL ADVOCATE FOR THE JEFFERSON EDGE 2020 QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS THE PARISH'S MOST CRITICAL ISSUES. THESE INCLUDE FLOOD PROTECTION, CRIME, PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, BEAUTIFICATION, INSURANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF FAT CITY. THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL'S ADOPTION OF THE FAT CITY REDEVELOPEMENT PLAN AND THE DRAMATIC TURNOVER IN THE JEFFERSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD REFLECT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE JBC'S LEADERSHIP. THE JBC DOES NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE, BUT OCCASIONALLY WILL HOST OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET AND GREET CANDIDATES. THE JBC PARTICIPATES IN THE SOUTHEAST BUSINESS COALITION WHICH INCLUDES THE BUSINESS COUNCILS OF PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ORLEANS, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES WITH A FOCUS ON REGIONAL ISSUES SUCH AS THE PORTS, HEALTHCARE AND ARMSTRONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE JBC HAS STRONG TIES TO BOTH JEDCO AND GNO INC, AND IS A MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF BLUEPRINT LOUISIANA. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE MONTHLY WITH BI-MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. COMMITTEES ARE FORMED AS NEEDED. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE MONITORS PENDING STATE AND NATIONAL LEGISLATION AFFECTING BUSINESS, INCLUDING TAX ISSUES. MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RANGE FROM THE LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY, REGIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL, BUREAU OF GOVERNMENT RESEARCH, AND A MULTITUDE OF OTHER PROMINENT GOVERNMENT BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS.

(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  **28a** 0

**29**  
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  **29a**

**30**  
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  **30a**

**31** Other program services (describe in Schedule O)  
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  **31a**

**32 Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a)  **32**

**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
ROBERT WEINMANN CHAIRMAN	5 00	0	0	0
WILLIAM AARON VICE CHAIRMAN	1 00	0	0	0
BERTRAND WILSON TREASURER	1 00	0	0	0
STAN SALATHE SECRETARY	1 00	0	0	0
ANTHONY LIGI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/KEY EMP	20 00	109,500	0	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 . . . . .

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a 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 tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of STEPHEN G ROMIG Telephone no (504) 835-5522 Located at 111 VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD SUITE 600 METAIRIE, LA ZIP + 4 70005
42b 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)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

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

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

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

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

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

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, (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

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 business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation

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 must attach a completed Schedule A

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 (BERT WILSON OFFICER) and Date (2015-04-28)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (STEPHEN G ROMIG CPA), Preparer's signature, Date, Check self-employed, PTIN (P00846698), Firm's name (LAPORTE APAC), Firm's EIN (72-1088864), Firm's address (111 VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD SUITE 600 METAIRIE, LA 700054958), Phone no (504) 835-5522

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
[www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization  
JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL  
C/O LAPORTE - STEVE ROMIG

Employer identification number

72-1201437

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4 - OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME	DESCRIPTION INVESTMENT INCOME AMOUNT 528
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION GRANTEE NAME GREATER NEW ORLEANS, INC GRANTEE ADDRESS 365 C ANAL STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION CASH DATE OF GIFT 05/02/14 AMOUNT GIVEN 20,000
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION SPONSORSHIPS AMOUNT 7,966 DESCRIPTION TAXES & LICENSES AMOUNT 1,443 DE SCRIPTION MEETING EXPENSE AMOUNT 4,014 DESCRIPTION JPPSS PROMOTION AMOUNT 43,247 D SCRIPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 715 DESCRIPTION DUES AMOUNT 250 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 57,635
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES	DESCRIPTION UNEARNED REVENUE BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 94,501 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 70,000

## TY 2014 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

**Name:** JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL  
C/O LAPORTE - STEVE ROMIG

**EIN:** 72-1201437

**Declaration:** THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT. THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.