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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2015

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- ▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

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

C Name of organization: **Indians for Civic Action**
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) / Room/suite: **1001 Bella Vista Avenue**
 City or town / State / ZIP code: **Oakland / CA / 94610**
 Foreign country name / Foreign province/state/county / Foreign postal code: _____

D Employer identification number: **38-3884600**

E Telephone number: **510-393-5340 4549**

F Group Exemption Number ▶ _____

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: ▶ _____

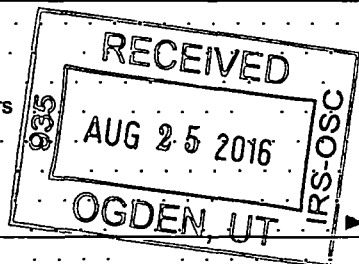
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization 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 ▶ \$ **65,551**

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

	Description		Amount
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	65,551
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
	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	0
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	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)	6b	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
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	0	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	65,551	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	30,000
	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	46,909
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	38,376
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	115,285	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-49,734	
Net Assets	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	146,852
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	97,118



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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. X

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	124,045	22	89,686
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	25,000	24	10,329
25 Total assets	149,045	25	100,015
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	2,193	26	2,897
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	146,852	27	97,118

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? Advocating for social and environmental justice in India
 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, optional for others)

28 <u>Advocating for social and environmental justice in India - See attached narrative for 2015 accomplishments</u>			
(Grants \$ <u>30,000</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a		78,594
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a		
30			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a		
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a		
32 Total program service expenses. (add lines 28a through 31a)	32		78,594

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
Benjamin Brandzel President	Hr/WK 5.00	0	0	0
Sharanya Krishna Prasad Secretary	Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Stefanie Faucher Treasurer	Hr/WK 2.00	0	0	0
Caroline Howe President (VICE)	Hr/WK 2.00	0	0	0
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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.

		Yes	No
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.		X
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. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions).		X
35 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
35 c	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.		X
36	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.		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions.	37a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	
38 a	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?	38a	X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved.	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9.	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities.	39b	
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955		
b	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.	40b	X
c	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		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e	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.	40e	X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed.	CA	
42 a	The organization's books are in care of Stefanie Faucher Located at 1001 Bella Vista Ave, 360 Broadway Street, Apt 360, City Oakland, ST CA, ZIP + 4 94610 Telephone no. 510-393-5299 4549		
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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	42b	X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:	42c	X
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	43	
44 a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44a	X
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44b	X
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	44d	
45 a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
45 b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions).	45b	

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

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

49 a 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 (Stefanie Faucher), Date (8/13/2016), Treasurer (Stefanie Faucher)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (Robin Braverman), Preparer's signature (Robin Braverman), Date (8/12/2016), Check self-employed (X), PTIN (P01279892), Firm's name (Robin Braverman Associates), Firm's address (1900 Aspenndge Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94597), Firm's EIN, Phone no (925-979-1998)

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No 1545-0047

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

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Indians for Civic Action

38-3884600

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity: Education, Research & Advocacy, Grantee:

Sum of Us PO Box 1128 New York NY 10156, Cash Grant: 30,000, Relationship:

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Travel: 1,704

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Conferences, conventions, and meetings: 1,218

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Supplies. 3,745

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Telephone: 211

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses. Bank Fees, On-line fees, aand Filing fees: 2,240

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses. Information Technology: 14,619

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Volunteer Recruitment Advertising: 151

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Volunteer Appreciation: 202

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Other Program Costs: 13,281

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Miscellaneous: 275

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Loss on Currency Conversion: 730

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Grants Receivable: Beginning of year 25,000, End

of year: 0

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets: Prepaid Expenses: Beginning of year: 0, End of

year: 10,329

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities: Accounts Payable. Beginning of year: 2,193, End of

year 2,897

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