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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2015

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

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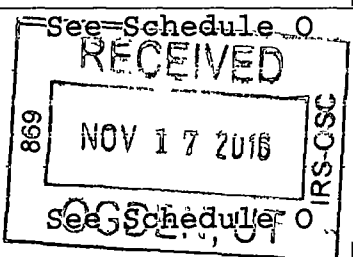
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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning		and ending	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return/Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Jeffersonian Project		D Employer identification number 46-2233126
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		E Telephone number (703) 373-0933
	2900 Crystal Drive, 6th Floor		F Group Exemption Number ▶
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		
	Arlington, VA 22202		
G Accounting Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶		H Check <input type="checkbox"/> 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) -- <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> 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. ▶ \$ 50,000.			

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	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	50,000.
	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	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	6	
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b	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	
	6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	
	6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	50,000.
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	5,000.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	27,106.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	16,199.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	613.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	16,141.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	65,059.	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<15,059.>
	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	79,850.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	64,791.



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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 Sch. 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
35a	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
35b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	N/A	
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? 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
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	▶ 37a 0.	
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
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?		X
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b N/A	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a N/A	
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b N/A	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ N/A ; section 4912 ▶ N/A ; section 4955 ▶ N/A		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
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	▶ 0.	
40d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization	▶ 0.	
40e	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		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ See Schedule O		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Lisa Bowen, VP of Finance Telephone no. ▶ (703) 373-0933 Located at ▶ 2900 Crystal Drive, 6th Floor, Arlington, VA ZIP + 4 ▶ 22202		
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)?	Yes	No
42b			X
42c	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).		
42c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		X
42c	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
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 N/A	
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	Yes	No
44a			X
44b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
44d	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			
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
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)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		X

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

Table with Yes/No columns for question 46. No is marked with an X.

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 Sch. C, Part II

Table with Yes/No columns for question 47.

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

Table with Yes/No columns for question 48.

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

Table with Yes/No columns for question 49a.

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

Table with Yes/No columns for question 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, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. All entries are N/A.

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." N/A

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. All entries are N/A.

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

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 (Lisa B. Nelson, CEO) and Date (11/8/16)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (Thomas J. Raffa), Preparer's signature, Date (11/7/2017), Firm's name (Raffa, P.C.), Firm's address (1899 L Street NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20036), Firm's EIN (52-1511275), Phone no. ((202) 822-5000), PTIN (P00916458)

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

SCHEDULE O
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Name of the organization

Jeffersonian Project

Employer identification number

46-2233126

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants and Allocations:

Activity Classification:

Grantee Name: American Legislative Exchange Council

Grantee Address: 2900 Crystal Drive, 6th Floor Arlington, VA 22202

Grantee Relationship: Jeffersonian Project is a controlled affiliate of
the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Amount Given:

5,000.

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

Description of Other Expenses:

Amount:

Subscriptions

7,000.

Travel

3,792.

Meals and lodging

3,661.

Dues and membership

1,688.

Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16

16,141.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Other Liabilities:

Description

Beg. of Year

End of Year

Accounts payable

5,065.

25,357.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Primary Exempt Purpose - The mission of the
Jeffersonian Project is to educate the public and government policy
makers by providing nonpartisan research on current events and other
issues of concern to the public and government policy makers.

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Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28, Program Service Accomplishments:

The Jeffersonian Project prepares information and documents to educate the public as well as Congress on various areas, including health care, civil society, welfare, education, the national budget and the environment.

Form 990-EZ Part V, Line 41, List of States receiving copy of Form 990-EZ:

AR, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, MD, MS, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OR, PA, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI

Form 990-EZ, Part V, Information Regarding Personal Benefit Contracts:

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.