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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 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.

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

- 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 Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

I Website: ▶ [HTTP://WWW.JEFFERSONBUSINESSCOUNCIL.COM/](http://WWW.JEFFERSONBUSINESSCOUNCIL.COM/)

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

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

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. ▶ \$ 181,714

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

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																															
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																															
	3 Membership dues and assessments																													181,417		
	4 Investment income																													297		
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																															
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses																															
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																															
	6 Gaming and fundraising events																															
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																															
	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)																															
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events																																
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																																
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																																
b Less cost of goods sold																																
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																																
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																																
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8																																181,714
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																														20,000	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members																															
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																															112,500
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																															10,203
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																															
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																															
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)																															25,789
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16																															168,492	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																														13,222	
	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)																														241,176	
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																														0	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																															254,398

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
22 Cash, savings, and investments	311,176	22	324,398
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	311,176	25	324,398
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	70,000	26	70,000
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	241,176	27	254,398

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?
 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

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

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

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 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 REDEVELOPMENT 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)

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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	112,500	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

		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		No
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)		No
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)?		No
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		
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		No
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		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> 37a 0		
b	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?		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	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 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
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		
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 <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
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		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> <u>STEPHEN G ROMIG</u> Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> <u>(504) 835-5522</u> Located at <input type="checkbox"/> <u>111 VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD SUITE 600 METAIRIE, LA</u> ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>70005</u>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Yes	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
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 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Yes	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> 43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
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		No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		No
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		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
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)		

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 Yes 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 Yes No

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

48 Yes No

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

49a Yes No

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

49b Yes No

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

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 (BERT WILSON OFFICER) and Date (2016-03-16)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Preparer's name (SEAN O'NEILL CPA), signature, date, firm's name (LAPORTE APAC), address (111 VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD 600 METAIRIE, LA 700054958), PTIN (P01061021), firm's EIN (72-1088864), and phone no ((504) 835-5522)

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

Yes No

**TY 2015 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.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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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.

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 297
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 03/26/15 AMOUNT GIVEN 20,000
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION SPONSORSHIPS AMOUNT 7,504 DESCRIPTION TAXES & LICENSES AMOUNT 295 DESC RIPTION MEETING EXPENSE AMOUNT 10,575 DESCRIPTION JPPSS PROMOTION AMOUNT 1,450 DES CRPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 715 DESCRIPTION DUES AMOUNT 5,250 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 25,789
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES	DESCRIPTION UNEARNED REVENUE BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 70,000 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 70,000