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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

2016

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 Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ 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.

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning **December 1**, 2016, and ending **December 31**, 2016

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization: **Chicago Latvian Association Inc.**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): **4146 N Elston Ave**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **Chicago IL 60618**

D Employer identification number: **362372504**

E Telephone number: **7735882085**

F Group Exemption Number: **NA**

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: **chicagolatvianassociation.org**

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. **\$ 90457**

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	5c	6d	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received									3050													
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts									0													
	3	Membership dues and assessments									1005													
	4	Investment income									77543													
	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																							
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)									300													
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																						
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																						
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																						
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																						
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																						
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)																						
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16																							
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																						
	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)																						
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																						
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																						

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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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	38633	31413
23 Land and buildings	73859	73859
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
25 Total assets	112492	105272
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	112492	105272

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? **Promote Latvian culture and education**

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.

28 Events held to promote Latvian culture & education, served approximately 500 people. Held 6 events including concerts, folk sing along, theater, cultural fair, Latvian sport novuss.		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	31404
29 Cultural center serves neighborhood groups for gatherings, hosts international dance, Latvian folk dance groups. Ongoing weekly activity and single events serving about 250 people on a regular basis		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	33574
30 Houses and supports the Latvian language library and Latvian Folk Art Museum which serves about 500.		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	5828
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	0
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	70806

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
Armand Birkens Director and President	8	0	0	0
Dace Kezbers Director and Vice President and Secretary	15	0	0	0
Marite Plume Director and Treasurer	12	0	0	0
Mara Kins Director	2	0	0	0
Daina Jauntirans Director	8	0	0	0
Ruta Priedkalns Zirnis Director	2	0	0	0
Reinis Kalnajs Director	12	0	0	0
Inara Bundza Director	8	0	0	0
John Vilcins Director	4	0	0	0
Aivars Osis Director	2	0	0	0
Una Stroda Director	2	0	0	0
Alga Berzina Director	6	0	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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter.		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	Illinois	
42a	The organization's books are in care of	Marite Plume	
	Located at	4146 N Elston Ave	
	Telephone no.	224-250-5595	
	ZIP + 4	60618-1828	
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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
42c	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
46	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
47	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
48	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
49a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
49b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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."

(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
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."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
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 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 <i>Marite Plume</i>	Date <i>4-6-2017</i>
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Marite Plume Treasurer
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶		Phone no	
Firm's address ▶				

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 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.

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Name of the organization

Chicago Latvian Association

Employer identification number

362372504

Form 990EZ Part 1 - Line 8 Other Revenues

Fundraisers 8860

Form 990EZ Part 1 - Line 10 Grants given and Line 16 - Other Expenses

Grants Given 300

Events Expense 7017

Furniture & Equipment 287

Insurance 6617

Inventory 378

Library Expense 232

Miscellaneous 108

Office Expense 3116

Public Relations 775

Regulatory & Related 3965

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES \$22,495

PART IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees - continued

Anita Kanelis - director - Average hours worked 2 per week no benefits or compensation

Ivars Vilcins - director - Average hours worked 2 per week no benefits or compensation

Andris Magurs - director Average hours worked 5 per week no benefits or compensation