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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 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016 , and ending 12-31-2016

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

C Name of organization
JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
2900 RIDGELAKE DRIVE 4TH FLOOR

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
METAIRIE, LA 70002

D Employer identification number
72-1201437

E Telephone number
(504) 289-3023

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: ▶HTTP //WWW JEFFERSONBUSINESSCOUNCIL COM/

J Tax-exempt status(check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☑ 501(c)(6) ◀(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 . . . . . ▶ $ 175,187

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	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	175,000
	4	Investment income	4	187
	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	
	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	
	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	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	175,187
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	21,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	124,443
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	18,832
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	17,834
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	182,109
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-6,922
	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	254,398
	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	247,476

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	324,398	22	247,476
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 **Total assets**	324,398	25	247,476
26 **Total liabilities** (describe in Schedule O)	70,000	26	0
27 **Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	254,398	27	247,476

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

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See Additional Data Table

(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐ **28a**

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

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(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
WILLIAM AARON CHAIRMAN	5 00	0	0	0
MICKAL ADLER VICE CHAIRMAN	1 00	0	0	0
LARRY KATZ TREASURER	1 00	0	0	0
LOUIS LAURICELLA SECRETARY	1 00	0	0	0
ANTHONY LIGI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	25 00	124,443	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	33		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)	34		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)?	35a		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	35b		
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	35c		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	36		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		
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? . .	38a		No
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			
40a	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		
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 sections4912, 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		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____			
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ ANTHONY V LIGI JR Telephone no ▶ (504) 289-3023 Located at ▶ 2900 RIDGELAKE DR 4TH FLOOR METAIRIE, LA ZIP + 4 ▶ 70002			
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)?	42b		No
	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)**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?	42c		No
	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			
			Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		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	44b		No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		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*	44d		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		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)	45b		

		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		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		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	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 "

(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 "

(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 — 2017-09-01 Date

ANTHONY V LIGI JR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
JEREMY TOUART CPA				P01264282

Firm's name ▶ LAPORTE APAC — Firm's EIN ▶ 72-1088864

Firm's address ▶ 111 VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD 600 METAIRIE, LA 700054958 — Phone no (504) 835-5522

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☑ Yes ☐ No

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Name: JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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 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

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TY 2016 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL

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.

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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.

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JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL

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 187

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
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 03/30/16 AMOUNT GIVEN 20,000

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION GRANTEE NAME DEPUTY DAVID MICHEL GRANTEE ADDRESS 428 ALLO ST REET MARRERO, LA 70072 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION CASH DATE OF GI FT 07/20/16 AMOUNT GIVEN 1,000 TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10 21,000

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION SPONSORSHIPS AMOUNT 11,776 DESCRIPTION TAXES & LICENSES AMOUNT 15 DESC RIPTION MEETING EXPENSE AMOUNT 4,617 DESCRIPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 714 DESCRIPTION DUES AMOUNT 550 DESCRIPTION OPERATIONS AMOUNT 162 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 1 7,834

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES	DESCRIPTION UNEARNED REVENUE BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 70,000 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 0