

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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

OMB No 1545-1150  
**2016**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2016 , and ending 06-30-2017**

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

**C** Name of organization  
 DEMOCRACY BUILDERS INC

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 2130 adam clayton powell jr blvd

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
 NEW YORK, NY 10027

**D** Employer identification number  
 27-3717969

**E** Telephone number  
 (212) 281-1248

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**I** Website: ▶ [www.democracybuilders.org](http://www.democracybuilders.org)

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c)(4) ◀ (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 . . . . . ▶ \$ 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 . . . . .

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	
	<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	50,000
	<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b>	Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b>	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>5c</b>	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b>	Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b>	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</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) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
<b>7c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b>	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	<b>9</b>	50,000	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	
	<b>11</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b>	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	210,309
	<b>13</b>	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	18,378
	<b>14</b>	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	21,450
	<b>15</b>	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	525
	<b>16</b>	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	22,022
<b>17</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	<b>17</b>	272,684	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	-222,684
	<b>19</b>	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) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	71,767
	<b>20</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	500
	<b>21</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .	<b>21</b>	-150,417



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
<b>33</b> 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
<b>34</b> 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
<b>35a</b> 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>b</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 . . . . .		
<b>c</b> 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
<b>36</b> 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

<b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ <b>37a</b> 0		
<b>b</b> Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .		
<b>38a</b> 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>b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . .	<b>38b</b>	

<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . .	<b>39a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . .	<b>39b</b>	

<b>40a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
<b>b</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 . . . . .	<b>40b</b>	No
<b>c</b> 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		
<b>d</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____ 0		
<b>e</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>40e</b>	No

**41** List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ NY

**42a** The organization's books are in care of ▶ PRINCESS LYLES Telephone no ▶ (212) 281-1248  
 Located at ▶ 2130 adam clayton powell jr blvd NEW YORK, NY ZIP + 4 ▶ 10027

	Yes	No
<b>b</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)?		No
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)</b>		
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?	<b>42c</b>	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
<b>44a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .	<b>44a</b>	No
<b>b</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 . . . . .	<b>44b</b>	No
<b>c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . .	<b>44c</b>	No
<b>d</b> If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>44d</b>	
<b>45a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .	<b>45a</b>	No
<b>45b</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) . . . . .	<b>45b</b>	

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 . . . . .

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

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: \*\*\*\*\*
Date: 2018-05-15
Type or print name and title: Seth Andrew chair

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: Garrett M Higgins
Preparer's signature
Date: 2018-05-15
Check if self-employed
PTIN: P00543209
Firm's name: PKF O'Connor Davies LLP
Firm's EIN: 27-1728945
Firm's address: 665 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022
Phone no: (212) 286-2600

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

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 27-3717969

**Name:** DEMOCRACY BUILDERS INC

### 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.)	
<p><b>28</b> The organization provided consulting services to Washington Leadership Academy, and provided student recruitment and enrollement services to St Hope Leadership Academy during fiscal year 2017 (Grants \$ 0)</p> <p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<b>28a</b>	252,092

## **TY 2016 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration**

**Name:** DEMOCRACY BUILDERS INC

**EIN:** 27-3717969

**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)

**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.

▶ 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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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DEMOCRACY BUILDERS INC

Employer identification number

27-3717969

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 14	Description Depreciation Amount 12,919 Description Other Expenses Amount 8,531 Total to Form 990-EZ, line 14 21,450

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses	Description General and administrative costs Amount 20,067 Description Technology Amount 1,796 Description Advertising and promotion Amount 109 Description other Amount 50 Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16 22,022

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20 - Other Changes in Net Assets	Description Prior period adjustment Amount 500

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets	Description Accounts receivable Beg of Year Amount 17,576 End of Year Amount 3,751 Description prepaid expenses Beg of Year Amount 37,976 End of Year Amount 2,412 Des cription Security desposits Beg of Year Amount 12,760 End of Year Amount 13,000 Des cription Due from related party Beg of Year Amount 55,982 End of Year Amount 20,711

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Other Liabilities	Description Accounts payable and accrued expenses Beg of Year Amount 85,661 End of Year Amount 94,530 Description deferred rent Beg of Year Amount 10,076 End of Year Amount 9,482 Description Due to related party Beg of Year Amount 0 End of Year Amount 126,822