

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/form990ez.**

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017, and ending 12-31-2017

- 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) ▶ _____

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 ▶ \$ 193,962

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		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	26,050
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	193,813	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	107,721
4	Investment income	4	149	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	9,325
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c		16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	14,926
6	Gaming and fundraising events			17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	158,022
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	35,940
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		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	247,476
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	283,416
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	193,962				

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

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 ANTHONY V LIGI JR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Date 2018-08-07

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name JEREMY TOUART CPA
Preparer's signature
Date
Check if self-employed
PTIN 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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 72-1201437

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.)	
<p>28</p> <p>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</p> <p>(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	0

**TY 2017 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.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**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
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 149

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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 03/31/17 AMOUNT GIVEN 20,000

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION GRANTEE NAME WESTWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTEE ADDRESS 401 4TH ST WESTWEGO, LA 70094 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION CASH DATE OF GIFT 01/31/17 AMOUNT GIVEN 1,000

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION GRANTEE NAME SUSAN G KOMEN FUND GRANTEE ADDRESS 4141 VETERANS BLVD , STE 202 METAIRIE, LA 70002 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION CA SH DATE OF GIFT 07/21/17 AMOUNT GIVEN 50

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION GRANTEE NAME FORWARD JEFFERSON CORPORATION GRANTEE ADDRESS 700 CHURCHILL PKWY AVONDALE, LA 70094 GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP NONE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION C ASH DATE OF GIFT 12/19/17 AMOUNT GIVEN 5,000 TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10 26,050

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	DESCRIPTION SPONSORSHIPS AMOUNT 5,539 DESCRIPTION MEETING EXPENSE AMOUNT 5,102 DESCRIPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 714 DESCRIPTION DUES AMOUNT 250 DESCRIPTION OPERATIONS AMOUNT 111 DESCRIPTION TRAVEL AMOUNT 1,700 DESCRIPTION FLOWERS FOR WAKE AMOUNT 123 DESCRIPTION AWARD AMOUNT 1,387 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 14,926

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FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES	DESCRIPTION UNEARNED REVENUE BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 0 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 73,500