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Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2010**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A** For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2010** and ending **JUN 30, 2011**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>LA'S PROMISE</b> <b>FORMERLY KNOWN AS MLA PARTNER SCHOOLS</b> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>1035 S. GRAND AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR</b> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>LOS ANGELES, CA 90015</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>20-4562686</b>
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(213) 745-4928</b>
<b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.LASPROMISE.ORG</b>		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>2,706,757.</b>
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>2005</b>		<b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>CA</b>		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
<b>N</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>VERONICA MELVIN</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶

**Part I Summary**

	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS &amp; EMPOWER NEIGHBORHOODS IN SOME OF THE MOST DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES IN LA.</b>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
Activities & Governance	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) .....	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) .....	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a) .....	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) .....	<b>6</b>	<b>76</b>
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 .....	<b>7a</b>	<b>0.</b>
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 .....	<b>7b</b>	<b>0.</b>
	Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) .....	<b>Prior Year</b> <b>943,901.</b>
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) .....		<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) .....		<b>789.</b>	<b>358.</b>
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) .....		<b>2,923.</b>	<b>3,841.</b>
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) .....		<b>947,613.</b>	<b>2,678,863.</b>
Expenses		13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) .....	<b>55,391.</b>
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) .....	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) .....	<b>1,962,026.</b>	<b>1,669,878.</b>
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) .....	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>249,721.</b>		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) .....	<b>804,188.</b>	<b>1,097,755.</b>
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) .....	<b>2,821,605.</b>	<b>2,812,074.</b>	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 .....	<b>-1,873,992.</b>	<b>-133,211.</b>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) .....	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b> <b>1,693,921.</b>	<b>End of Year</b> <b>1,599,610.</b>
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) .....	<b>210,573.</b>	<b>249,473.</b>
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 .....	<b>1,483,348.</b>	<b>1,350,137.</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	▶ Signature of officer <b>VERONICA MELVIN, PRESIDENT/CEO</b>	Date	
	Type or print name and title		
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>PATRIZIA C. COPPING</b>	Preparer's signature	Date
	Firm's name ▶ <b>GREEN HASSON &amp; JANKS LLP</b>	Firm's EIN ▶	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN
	Firm's address ▶ <b>10990 WILSHIRE BLVD., 16TH FLOOR</b> <b>LOS ANGELES, CA 90024-3929</b>	Phone no. <b>(310) 873-1600</b>	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS & EMPOWER NEIGHBORHOODS IN SOME OF THE MOST DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES IN LA. LA'S PROMISE (LAP), IN COLLABORATION WITH LAUSD AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, OPERATES NON-CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SERVING 6000 STUDENTS.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [ ] Yes [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 2,208,806. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

STUDENT PROGRAMS:

7 TO 7

THE 7 TO 7 PROGRAM EXTENDS THE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL DAY FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. AND BEYOND, WITH ENGAGING CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT WEST ADAMS PREP. 7 TO 7 BRINGS TOGETHER CLASSES, OFTEN TAUGHT BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS, ALONG WITH CLUBS, COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSES, ADULT SCHOOL, AND TUTORING, TYING ALL UNDER ONE COHESIVE PROGRAM. TO STREAMLINE AND MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION, A COLLEGIATE-STYLE CATALOGUE WAS DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS. CLOSE TO 1100 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN THE 7 TO 7 PROGRAM THIS YEAR.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

LAP BELIEVES THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD BE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS, DESIGNED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF A UNIQUE COMMUNITY. LAP FACILITATES GENUINE COLLABORATION BETWEEN KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO DRIVE THE VISION OF A SCHOOL. BY STRATEGICALLY MANAGING THE WORK OF PARTNERS AT A SCHOOL, LAP ENSURES SERVICES ARE DELIVERED EQUITABLY AMONG STUDENTS, AND THAT SERVICES CAN BENEFIT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. THE SCHOOL WORKS ACTIVELY TO ENSURE A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILIES AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER:

LAP ESTABLISHED THE PARENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER AT WEST ADAMS PREP

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 44,441. including grants of \$ 44,441. ) (Revenue \$ )

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT:

LAP WORKS TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING. TEACHERS ARE SUPPORTED PERSONALLY AND FINANCIALLY TO REACH NEW LEVELS OF PROFESSIONAL GROWTH. THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH LAP STAFF, TEACHERS ARE ABLE TO BUILD AN EVEN GREATER CAPACITY THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION, AND NETWORKING.

TEACHER INNOVATION GRANTS:

THROUGH TEACHER INNOVATION GRANTS (TIG) , LAP PROMOTES THE INTELLECTUAL, INNOVATIVE, AND ENTREPRENEURIAL CAPACITY OF TEACHERS. THE TIG PROGRAM PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CLASSROOM BY MAKING GRANTS AVAILABLE IN TWO AREAS:

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 2,253,247.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? <b>Note.</b> Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		
20b			

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> .....	X	
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> .....	X	
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> .....	X	
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>26</b> Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> .....	X	
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> .....		X
<b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....		X
<b>a</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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> .....		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Input box for Schedule O response

Main table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes rows for 1a-1c, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4a, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7a-7h, 8, 9a-9b, 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, 14a-14b.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
			13
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
			12
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
<b>6</b>	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
<b>7a</b>	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
<b>7b</b>	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	X	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
<b>10b</b>	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
<b>12b</b>	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
<b>12c</b>	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
<b>13</b>	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
<b>14</b>	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
<b>15</b>	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
<b>16b</b>	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **CA**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **AFJ CONSULTING - (323) 782-9391**  
**5455 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 2020, LOS ANGELES, CA 90036**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MEGAN CHERNIN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ERIK FEIG BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RICK HESS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
VANESSA MORRISON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
FRANK MARSHALL BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
BRIAN MCNAMEE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ALISON TEMPLE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
TOM VANDER ARK BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
EMMA WATTS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ELIZABETH MANN SECRETARY	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
JOHN KISSICK TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
STEPHEN PROUGH INTERIM CHAIR	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
MICHAEL MCGALLIARD PRESIDENT/CEO	40.00	X		X			157,188.	0.	15,115.	
ELSA CHAGOLLA (RESIGNED 07/10) COO	40.00			X			75,942.	0.	2,983.	
DAN CHANG (02/10-06/11) COO	40.00			X			113,974.	0.	715.	



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**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>	22,106.				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	<b>1f</b>	2,652,558.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ .....						
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		2,674,664.				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> _____ Business Code _____					
<b>b</b> _____							
<b>c</b> _____							
<b>d</b> _____							
<b>e</b> _____							
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .....							
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....							
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....		358.			358.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....						
	<b>5</b> Royalties .....						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross Rents .....	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) .....					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....						
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) .....					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....						
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 22,106. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....	<b>a</b>	27,894.				
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>	27,894.				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....		0.					
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....						
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold .....	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11 a OTHER INCOME</b> .....		900099	3,841.			3,841.	
<b>b</b> _____							
<b>c</b> _____							
<b>d</b> All other revenue .....							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....			3,841.				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions. .....			2,678,863.	0.	0.	4,199.	

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**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	8,500.	8,500.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	35,941.	35,941.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	391,080.	322,310.	26,046.	42,724.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,063,660.	876,620.	70,838.	116,202.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	3,463.	3,113.	16.	334.
9 Other employee benefits	95,582.	85,935.	435.	9,212.
10 Payroll taxes	116,093.	90,609.	13,448.	12,036.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	100,900.		100,900.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	445,897.	390,344.	40,658.	14,895.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	84,295.	70,196.	6,515.	7,584.
14 Information technology	35,486.	15,667.	483.	19,336.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	122,919.	101,331.	8,194.	13,394.
17 Travel	116,384.	108,860.	2,554.	4,970.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	16,818.	16,255.	20.	543.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	48,221.	39,763.	3,213.	5,245.
23 Insurance	26,148.		26,148.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>DEVELOPMENT &amp; TRAINING</b>	64,762.	63,388.	543.	831.
b <b>EQUIPMENT</b>	17,755.	15,848.	722.	1,185.
c <b>SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES</b>	5,695.	4,623.	281.	791.
d				
e				
f All other expenses	12,475.	3,944.	8,092.	439.
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	2,812,074.	2,253,247.	309,106.	249,721.
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	102,500.	<b>1</b>	102,500.	
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	1,175,538.	<b>2</b>	903,244.	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	272,500.	<b>3</b>	264,232.	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....		<b>4</b>		
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....	8,014.	<b>5</b>	2,377.	
	<b>6</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) .....		<b>6</b>		
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>		
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>		
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	31,926.	<b>9</b>	238,324.	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 221,911.			
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 150,349.	79,238.	<b>10c</b>	71,562.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....		<b>11</b>		
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>		
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>		
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>		
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	24,205.	<b>15</b>	17,371.	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	1,693,921.	<b>16</b>	1,599,610.		
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	210,573.	<b>17</b>	249,473.	
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>		
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		<b>19</b>		
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>		
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>		
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>		
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>		
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>		
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		<b>25</b>		
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	210,573.	<b>26</b>	249,473.	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	1,283,348.	<b>27</b>	850,089.	
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	200,000.	<b>28</b>	500,048.	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>		
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>		
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>32</b>		
	<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	1,483,348.	<b>33</b>	1,350,137.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	1,693,921.	<b>34</b>	1,599,610.		

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,678,863.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,812,074.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-133,211.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,483,348.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0.
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,350,137.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
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**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **LA ' S PROMISE  
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I      b  Type II      c  Type III - Functionally integrated      d  Type III - Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? .....		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....		
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

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**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	1961763.	4271286.	1608877.	943,901.	2674664.	11460491.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	1961763.	4271286.	1608877.	943,901.	2674664.	11460491.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						2525619.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						8934872.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 .....	1961763.	4271286.	1608877.	943,901.	2674664.	11460491.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....	4,318.	20,465.	12,479.	789.	358.	38,409.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....	450.	12,414.		2,923.	3,841.	19,628.
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						11518528.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	1,648,556.
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> .....						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	15	%
16a <b>33 1/3% support test - 2010.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b <b>33 1/3% support test - 2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2010.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2010</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2009</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2010.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2009.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**Schedule B**  
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**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

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Name of the organization

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FORMERLY KNOWN AS MLA PARTNER SCHOOLS

Employer identification number

20-4562686

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 1,750,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2		\$ 310,716.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3		\$ 245,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4		\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5		\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6		\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8		\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
9		\$ 15,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
10		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____

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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations aggregating more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	

**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year .....		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) .....		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year) .....		
4 Aggregate value at end of year .....		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)       Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat       Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....

Yes  No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....

Yes  No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items

(check all that apply):

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other \_\_\_\_\_

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	<b>1c</b>
d Additions during the year	<b>1d</b>
e Distributions during the year	<b>1e</b>
f Ending balance	<b>1f</b>

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- b Permanent endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- c Term endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		45,568.	33,793.	11,775.
d Equipment		176,343.	116,556.	59,787.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				<b>71,562.</b>

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include Financial derivatives, Closely-held equity interests, and Other (A-I).

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment type, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows numbered 1 through 10.

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Rows numbered 1 through 10.

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Amount. Rows include Federal income taxes and rows 2 through 11.

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,678,863.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,812,074.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-133,211.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	0.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-133,211.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	2,678,863.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,678,863.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,678,863.

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	2,812,074.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,812,074.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,812,074.

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		LA PROMISE GALA		NONE	
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts .....	50,000.		50,000.
	2	Less: Charitable contributions .....	22,106.		22,106.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....	27,894.		27,894.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes .....			
	5	Noncash prizes .....			
	6	Rent/facility costs .....			
	7	Food and beverages .....			
	8	Entertainment .....			
	9	Other direct expenses .....	27,894.		27,894.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....			( 27,894 )
	11	Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 .....			0.

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		1	Gross revenue .....		
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes .....			
	3	Noncash prizes .....			
	4	Rent/facility costs .....			
	5	Other direct expenses .....			
	6	Volunteer labor .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) .....				( _____ )
8	Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 .....				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No  
 b If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No  
 b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_



**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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**Part I** General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II** Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
ST. JOHN'S WELL CHILD & FAMILY CENTER - 8701 S. HOOVER STREET - LOS ANGELES, CA 90037	95-4067758	501(C)(3)	8,500.	0.	BOOK	N/A	PHYSICAL SCREENINGS

**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations **1.**

**3** Enter total number of other organizations

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**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
GRANTS	19	35,941.	0.	BOOK	N/A

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: LOS ANGELES PROMISE (LAP) TEACHER INNOVATION

GRANT PROGRAM HAS TWO TYPES OF GRANTS. ONE IS THE INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

GRANT AND THE OTHER IS THE TEACHER ACTION RESEARCH GRANT. APPLICATIONS MUST

BE SUBMITTED BY TEACHERS TO APPLY. GRANTS ARE AWARDED BASED ON THE

FOLLOWING CRITERIA: PURPOSE, GOALS/INTENDED OUTCOMES, AND ACTIVITIES.

THE ORGANIZATION REIMBURSES GRANT RECIPIENTS AFTER RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN

SUBMITTED.

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<b>b</b> If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain .....	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a? .....	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
<b>4</b> During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: <b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment from the organization or a related organization? .....	<b>4a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? .....	<b>4b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? .....	<b>4c</b>	X
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
<b>Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b>		
<b>5</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: <b>a</b> The organization? .....	<b>5a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Any related organization? .....	<b>5b</b>	X
If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
<b>6</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: <b>a</b> The organization? .....	<b>6a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Any related organization? .....	<b>6b</b>	X
If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
<b>7</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....	<b>7</b>	X
<b>8</b> Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....	<b>8</b>	X
<b>9</b> If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? .....	<b>9</b>	

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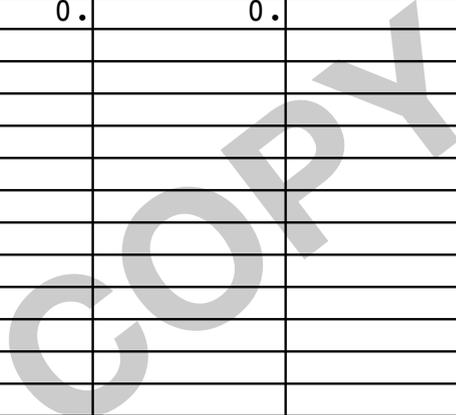
Schedule J (Form 990) 2010

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 MICHAEL MCGALLIARD	(i)	157,188.	0.	0.	0.	15,115.	172,303.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
2	(i)							
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16	(i)							
	(ii)							







**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.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**ADVISORY:**

LAP ADVISORY PROGRAM IS THE EPICENTER OF STRATEGIC RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND INFORMATION ACCESS FOR EVERY WEST ADAMS PREP STUDENT FROM 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE. FOR THIRTY MINUTES EACH DAY, EVERY STUDENT RECEIVES ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND FUNDAMENTAL SERVICES IN THREE CONTENT AREAS VITAL TO STUDENT ADVANCEMENT BUT NOT TYPICALLY COVERED WITHIN CORE CLASSES: COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, AND CIVIC AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. AS A RESULT, 2200 STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT COLLEGE PREP, AND NEARLY EVERY 9TH GRADE CLASS (APPROXIMATELY 900 STUDENTS) VISITED A LOCAL COLLEGE. OVER 90% OF STUDENTS HAVE CREATED A GRADUATION PLAN WITH THEIR COUNSELOR.

**GO FOR COLLEGE FAIR:**

THE GO FOR COLLEGE FAIR IS AN ANNUAL, ALL-DAY EVENT THAT ENSURES THAT EVERY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HAS THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT COLLEGE ATTENDANCE. THIS TYPE OF EVENT IS UNPRECEDENTED FOR A SOUTH LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL.

**CAREER MENTORING INITIATIVE:**

THE CAREER MENTORING INITIATIVE IS A CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT INSPIRES STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT THE WORLD BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL. STUDENTS GAIN EXPOSURE TO PRIVATE/PUBLIC SECTORS, FOR-PROFIT/NONPROFIT SECTORS, AND A VARIETY OF CAREERS THROUGH RELEVANT WORKSHOPS AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. A KEY ELEMENT OF THE CAREER MENTORING INITIATIVE IS CREATING UNIQUE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN CORPORATE LEADERS AND PUBLIC

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SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, OFFERING ACCESS TO LIFE CHANGING

OPPORTUNITIES. KEY PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

1. POWER LUNCH: THROUGH UNIQUE FIELD TRIPS, OVER 200 STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH LA'S MOST POWERFUL BUSINESS LEADERS.

2. CAREER CLASS: FOR A SECOND YEAR, LAP SPONSORED A CAREER AND INTERNSHIP CLASS FOR THIRTY 12TH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND GLOBAL AWARENESS AT MANUAL ARTS. STUDENTS LEARNED ESSENTIAL CAREER EDUCATION SKILLS AND COMPLETED A 12-WEEK UNPAID INTERNSHIP WITH A PROFESSIONAL IN THE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SECTOR.

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP SIX WEST ADAMS PREP STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A SUMMER INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. THIS LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE HELPED STUDENTS DEVELOP THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING TO LIVE IN AN INCREASINGLY GLOBAL SOCIETY. COUNTRIES THAT STUDENTS TRAVELED TO INCLUDED PARAGUAY, THAILAND, FRANCE AND ITALY.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

WHICH SERVES AS THE HUB FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITY BY FOSTERING AUTHENTIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN PARENTS, PARTNER PROGRAMS, AND THE SCHOOL.

PARENTS ARE LEGITIMATELY ENGAGED THROUGH INTEGRATION INTO THE SCHOOL'S DAILY OPERATIONS. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, APPROXIMATELY 20 PARENTS ARE ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF ROLES ON CAMPUS, INCLUDING MORNING "TARDY SWEEPS," CLEANING, CHAPERONING TRIPS, GREETING GUESTS IN THE MAIN OFFICE, SELLING SCHOOL UNIFORMS, AND STAFFING THE PARENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER, WHICH IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO CONNECT OTHER PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO INFORMATION AND SERVICES RELEVANT TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

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## FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM GRANTS SUPPORT THE WORK OF TEACHERS IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION THAT IS CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND PROMOTES THE REAL WORLD APPLICATION OF CLASSROOM LEARNING. THIS GRANT TARGETS MULTI-WEEK PROJECT-BASED CURRICULA THAT DEVELOPS THE INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL, AND ACADEMIC GROWTH OF STUDENTS.

2. TEACHER ACTION RESEARCH GRANTS PROMOTE THE INTELLECTUAL AND RESOURCEFUL CAPACITY OF TEACHERS IN EXAMINING AND ADDRESSING ISSUES IN THEIR CLASSROOM OR SCHOOL COMMUNITY FROM THEIR OWN UNIQUE SCHOOL-BASED PERSPECTIVES.

## FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

## TEACHER DEVELOPMENT:

LAP WORKS TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING. TEACHERS ARE SUPPORTED PERSONALLY AND FINANCIALLY TO REACH NEW LEVELS OF PROFESSIONAL GROWTH. THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH LAP STAFF, TEACHERS ARE ABLE TO BUILD AN EVEN GREATER CAPACITY THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION, AND NETWORKING.

## TEACHER INNOVATION GRANTS:

THROUGH TEACHER INNOVATION GRANTS (TIG) , LAP PROMOTES THE INTELLECTUAL, INNOVATIVE, AND ENTREPRENEURIAL CAPACITY OF TEACHERS. THE TIG PROGRAM PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CLASSROOM BY MAKING GRANTS AVAILABLE IN TWO AREAS:

1. INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM GRANTS SUPPORT THE WORK OF TEACHERS IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION THAT IS CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND PROMOTES THE REAL WORLD APPLICATION OF

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE ENTIRE BOARD BEFORE FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRES ARE PASSED OUT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR SIGNATURE. THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER, CEO AND COO MONITOR THE COMPLIANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. IF A CONFLICT SHOULD ARISE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLVES THE SITUATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SETS COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO BASED ON COMPARISON DATA FROM SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE CEO'S COMPENSATION ANNUALLY. COMPENSATION FOR OTHER OFFICERS ARE SET BY THE CEO BASED ON COMPARISON DATA FROM SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICERS WHEN THE OFFICER IS HIRED AND WHEN THE TERMS OF THE OFFICER'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE IS MODIFIED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTING**

**NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR SELECTION PROCESS  
DURING THE TAX YEAR, AS COMPARED TO THE PRIOR TAX YEAR.**

