

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

**2005**

**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 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning February 2, 2005, and ending June 30, 2005**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	<b>C Name of organization</b> <b>826LA</b>	<b>D Employer identification number</b> <b>38-3722092</b>
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>SPARC Building, 685 Venice Boulevard</b>	<b>E Telephone number</b> <b>(310) 305-8418</b>
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>Venice, California 90291</b>	<b>F Accounting method:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶
		• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).	

**G Website:** ▶ www.826la.org

**J Organization type** (check only one) ▶  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K Check here** ▶  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. **Some states require a complete return.**

**L Gross receipts:** Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ **\$97,270.19**

**H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations**

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No

**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ **N/A**

**H(c)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No (If "No," attach a list. See instructions.)

**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**I Group Exemption Number** ▶ **Not applicable**

**M Check** ▶  if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions.)

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 Revenue

<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:			
<b>a</b>	Direct public support	<b>1a</b>	<b>94,296.19</b>	
<b>b</b>	Indirect public support	<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Government contributions (grants)	<b>1c</b>		
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <b>94,296.19</b> noncash \$ _____)	<b>1d</b>		<b>94,296.19</b>
<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	<b>2</b>		<b>2,974.00</b>
<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>	Dividends and interest from securities	<b>5</b>		
<b>6a</b>	Gross rents	<b>6a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Net rental income or loss (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	<b>6c</b>		
<b>7</b>	Other investment income (describe ▶ _____)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory (describe ▶ _____)	(A) Securities	(B) Other	
<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>8a</b>	<b>8b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Gain or loss (attach schedule)	<b>8c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Net gain or loss (combine line 8c columns (A) and (B))	<b>8d</b>		
<b>9</b>	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>a</b>	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	<b>9a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	<b>9b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	<b>9c</b>		
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	<b>10c</b>		
<b>11</b>	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	<b>11</b>		
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue</b> (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	<b>12</b>		<b>97,270.19</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Program services (from line 44, column (B))	<b>13</b>		<b>38,867.57</b>
	<b>14</b> Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	<b>14</b>		<b>25,638.48</b>
	<b>15</b> Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	<b>15</b>		<b>14,917.77</b>
	<b>16</b> Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	<b>16</b>		
	<b>17</b> <b>Total expenses</b> (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	<b>17</b>		<b>79,423.81</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	<b>18</b>		<b>17,846.38</b>
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	<b>19</b>		-
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	<b>20</b>		-
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	<b>21</b>		<b>17,846.38</b>

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**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
<b>22</b> Grants and allocations (attach schedule) . . . . . (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>22</b>	<b>See</b>	<b>Statement 1</b>	
<b>23</b> Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>23</b>			
<b>24</b> Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>24</b>			
<b>25</b> Compensation of officers, directors, etc. . . . .	<b>25</b>			
<b>26</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	<b>26</b>			
<b>27</b> Pension plan contributions . . . . .	<b>27</b>			
<b>28</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	<b>28</b>			
<b>29</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	<b>29</b>			
<b>30</b> Professional fundraising fees . . . . .	<b>30</b>			
<b>31</b> Accounting fees . . . . .	<b>31</b>			
<b>32</b> Legal fees . . . . .	<b>32</b>			
<b>33</b> Supplies . . . . .	<b>33</b>			
<b>34</b> Telephone . . . . .	<b>34</b>			
<b>35</b> Postage and shipping . . . . .	<b>35</b>			
<b>36</b> Occupancy . . . . .	<b>36</b>			
<b>37</b> Equipment rental and maintenance . . . . .	<b>37</b>			
<b>38</b> Printing and publications . . . . .	<b>38</b>			
<b>39</b> Travel . . . . .	<b>39</b>			
<b>40</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	<b>40</b>			
<b>41</b> Interest . . . . .	<b>41</b>			
<b>42</b> Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	<b>42</b>			
<b>43</b> Other expenses not covered above (itemize): a <b>See Statement 1</b> . . . . .	<b>43a</b>	<b>See</b>	<b>Statement 1</b>	
b . . . . .	<b>43b</b>			
c . . . . .	<b>43c</b>			
d . . . . .	<b>43d</b>			
e . . . . .	<b>43e</b>			
f . . . . .	<b>43f</b>			
g . . . . .	<b>43g</b>			
<b>44</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 22 through 43. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15) . . . . .	<b>44</b>	<b>79,423.81</b>	<b>38,867.57</b>	<b>25,638.48</b>
		<b>14,917.77</b>		

**Joint Costs.** Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.  
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See the instructions.)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ► <b>Advancement of education</b> All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)	<b>Program Service Expenses</b> <small>(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs. and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)</small>
<b>a See Statement 2</b> ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... (Grants and allocations \$ ..... ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b</b> ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... (Grants and allocations \$ ..... ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>c</b> ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... (Grants and allocations \$ ..... ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>d</b> ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... (Grants and allocations \$ ..... ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>e Other program services (attach schedule)</b> (Grants and allocations \$ ..... ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>f Total of Program Service Expenses</b> (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services). . . . ►	<b>38,867.57</b>

**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See the instructions.)

**Note:** Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>45</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .		<b>45</b> <b>36,331.85</b>
	<b>46</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>46</b>
	<b>47a</b> Accounts receivable . . . . .	<b>47a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>47b</b>	<b>47c</b>
	<b>48a</b> Pledges receivable . . . . .	<b>48a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>48b</b>	<b>48c</b>
	<b>49</b> Grants receivable . . . . .		<b>49</b>
	<b>50</b> Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>50</b>
	<b>51a</b> Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>51a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>51b</b>	<b>51c</b>
	<b>52</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>52</b>
	<b>53</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>53</b>
	<b>54</b> Investments—securities (attach schedule) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	<b>54</b>
	<b>55a</b> Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	<b>55a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>55b</b>	<b>55c</b>
	<b>56</b> Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>56</b>
	<b>57a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	<b>57a</b> <b>11,514.53</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>57b</b>	<b>57c</b> <b>11,514.53</b>
	<b>58</b> Other assets (describe ► . . . . .)		<b>58</b>
<b>59 Total assets</b> (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58. . . . .	<b>-0-</b>	<b>59</b> <b>47,846.38</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>60</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		<b>60</b>
	<b>61</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>61</b>
	<b>62</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>62</b>
	<b>63</b> Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>63</b>
	<b>64a</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>64a</b>
	<b>b</b> Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>Statement 3</b>	<b>64b</b> <b>30,000</b>
	<b>65</b> Other liabilities (describe ► . . . . .)		<b>65</b>
<b>66 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 60 through 65 . . . . .		<b>66</b> <b>30,000</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.		
	<b>67</b> Unrestricted . . . . .		<b>67</b> <b>17,846.38</b>
	<b>68</b> Temporarily restricted . . . . .		<b>68</b>
	<b>69</b> Permanently restricted . . . . .		<b>69</b>
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.		
	<b>70</b> Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>70</b>
	<b>71</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund . . . . .		<b>71</b>
	<b>72</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>72</b>
	<b>73 Total net assets or fund balances</b> (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21) . . . . .		<b>73</b> <b>17,846.38</b>
	<b>74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b> Add lines 66 and 73.	<b>-0-</b>	<b>74</b> <b>47,846.38</b>

**Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return** (See the instructions.)

<b>a</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>a</b>	N/A
<b>b</b>	Amounts included on line <b>a</b> but not on Part I, line 12:			
<b>1</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments	<b>b1</b>		
<b>2</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>b2</b>		
<b>3</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>b3</b>		
<b>4</b>	Other (specify):	<b>b4</b>		
	Add lines <b>b1</b> through <b>b4</b>		<b>b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Subtract line <b>b</b> from line <b>a</b>		<b>c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line <b>a</b> :			
<b>1</b>	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	<b>d1</b>		
<b>2</b>	Other (specify):	<b>d2</b>		
	Add lines <b>d1</b> and <b>d2</b>		<b>d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Total revenue</b> (Part I, line 12). Add lines <b>c</b> and <b>d</b>		<b>e</b>	

**Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

<b>a</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		<b>a</b>	N/A
<b>b</b>	Amounts included on line <b>a</b> but not on Part I, line 17:			
<b>1</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>b1</b>		
<b>2</b>	Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	<b>b2</b>		
<b>3</b>	Losses reported on Part I, line 20	<b>b3</b>		
<b>4</b>	Other (specify):	<b>b4</b>		
	Add lines <b>b1</b> through <b>b4</b>		<b>b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Subtract line <b>b</b> from line <b>a</b>		<b>c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line <b>a</b> :			
<b>1</b>	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	<b>d1</b>		
<b>2</b>	Other (specify):	<b>d2</b>		
	Add lines <b>d1</b> and <b>d2</b>		<b>d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Total expenses</b> (Part I, line 17). Add lines <b>c</b> and <b>d</b>		<b>e</b>	

**Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated.) (See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Pilar Perez 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	Exec Director, 40 hrs	19,000		
Joshuah Bearman 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	Director, 5 hours	-0-		
Ninive Calegari 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	Director, 5 hours	-0-		
Dave Eggers 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	Director, 5 hours	-0-		
Jodie Evans 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	Director, 5 hours	-0-		
John Gilbertson 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	Treasurer, 5 hours	-0-		
Melissa Mathison 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	Secretary, 5 hours	-0-		
Sally Willcox 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice CA 90291	President, 10 hours	-0-		



Part VI Other Information (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>82a</b>	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?		✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)		
	82b		
<b>83a</b>	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	✓	
<b>b</b>	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	✓	
<b>84a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?		✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
	84b		
<b>85</b>	<b>501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations.</b> <b>a</b> Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
	85a		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, <b>do not</b> complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
	85b		
<b>c</b>	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members		N/A
	85c		
<b>d</b>	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures		
	85d		
<b>e</b>	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices		
	85e		
<b>f</b>	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)		
	85f		
<b>g</b>	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?		
	85g		
<b>h</b>	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?		
	85h		
<b>86</b>	<b>501(c)(7) orgs.</b> Enter: <b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12		N/A
	86a		
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities		
	86b		
<b>87</b>	<b>501(c)(12) orgs.</b> Enter: <b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders		
	87a		
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
	87b		
<b>88</b>	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX		✓
<b>89a</b>	<b>501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ -0- ; section 4912 ▶ -0- ; section 4955 ▶ -0-		
<b>b</b>	<b>501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs.</b> Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction		✓
	89b		
<b>c</b>	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		-0-
<b>d</b>	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		-0-
<b>90a</b>	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <u>California</u>		
<b>b</b>	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2005 (See instructions.)		-0-
	90b		
<b>91a</b>	The books are in care of ▶ <u>Mac Barnett and Rebecca Galvez</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>( 310 ) 305-8418</u> Located at ▶ <u>685 Venice Boulevard, Venice, California</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>90291</u>		
<b>b</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>Form TD F 90-22.1</b> , Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
	91b		✓
<b>c</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶		✓
	91c		
<b>92</b>	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶   92		□

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a Educational Program Revenue					1,650
b Student Publishing Revenue			05		1,324
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments . . . . .					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments . . . . .					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
96 Dividends and interest from securities . . . . .					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property . . . . .					
b not debt-financed property . . . . .					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income . . . . .					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events . . . . .					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue: a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E)) . . . . .		-0-		-0-	2,974
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E)) . . . . .					2,974

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See the instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
▼	See Statement 5

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
  - (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No
- Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

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.

Please Sign Here

Signature of officer: *John T. Gilbertson* Date: *May 15, 2006*

John T. Gilbertson, Treasurer

Type or print name and title

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Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W): \_\_\_\_\_

EIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n),  
or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

**Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2005**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

**826LA**

Employer identification number

**38 : 3722092**

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 . ▶

**Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services . . . . . ▶

**Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services**  
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services . . . . . ▶

**Part III Statements About Activities** (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		✓
<b>2</b> During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
<b>a</b> Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	✓
<b>b</b> Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	✓
<b>c</b> Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	✓
<b>d</b> Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d	✓
<b>e</b> Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	✓
<b>3a</b> Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments)	3a	✓
<b>b</b> Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	3b	✓
<b>c</b> During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)?	3c	✓
<b>4a</b> Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?	4a	✓
<b>b</b> Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?	4b	✓

**Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status** (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is. (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V.)
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8  A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12  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 charitable, etc., 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) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) sections 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization. ▶  Type 1  Type 2  Type 3

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 6 of the instructions)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) **Use cash method of accounting.**

**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
<b>15</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	<b>94,296</b>				<b>94,296</b>
<b>16</b> Membership fees received		<b>826LA</b>	<b>commenced</b>	<b>operations on</b>	<b>March 1, 2005</b>
<b>17</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	<b>2,974</b>				<b>2,974</b>
<b>18</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975					
<b>19</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
<b>20</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
<b>21</b> The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
<b>22</b> Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
<b>23</b> Total of lines 15 through 22	<b>97,270</b>				<b>97,270</b>
<b>24</b> Line 23 minus line 17	<b>94,296</b>				<b>94,296</b>
<b>25</b> Enter 1% of line 23	<b>943</b>				

<b>26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:</b>	<b>a</b> Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	<b>26a</b>	<b>1,886</b>
<b>b</b> Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2001 through 2004 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> Enter the total of all these excess amounts		<b>26b</b>	<b>73,091</b>
<b>c</b> Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e)		<b>26c</b>	<b>94,296</b>
<b>d</b> Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines:	18 _____ 19 _____	<b>26d</b>	<b>73,091</b>
	22 _____ 26b <b>73,091</b>	<b>26e</b>	<b>21,205</b>
<b>e</b> Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)		<b>26e</b>	<b>21,205</b>
<b>f</b> Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))		<b>26f</b>	<b>22.49 %</b>

**27 Organizations described on line 12:** **a** For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." **Do not file this list with your return.** Enter the sum of such amounts for each year.

(2004) \_\_\_\_\_ (2003) \_\_\_\_\_ (2002) \_\_\_\_\_ (2001) \_\_\_\_\_

**b** For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the **larger** of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) **Do not file this list with your return.** After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year

(2004) \_\_\_\_\_ (2003) \_\_\_\_\_ (2002) \_\_\_\_\_ (2001) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>c</b> Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines:	15 _____ 16 _____	<b>27c</b>	
	17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____	<b>27d</b>	
<b>d</b> Add. Line 27a total, _____ and line 27b total, _____		<b>27e</b>	
<b>e</b> Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)		<b>27e</b>	
<b>f</b> Total support for section 509(a)(2) test. Enter amount from line 23, column (e)	<b>27f</b>		
<b>g</b> Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))		<b>27g</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>h</b> Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))		<b>27h</b>	<b>%</b>

**28 Unusual Grants:** For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2001 through 2004, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. **Do not file this list with your return.** Do not include these grants in line 15.

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**Part II: Statement of Functional Expenses**

Line Number	Description	(A) Total	(B) Program Services	(c) Mngmnt & Gen	(d) Fund-raising
25	Officers & Dir Comp	\$19,815.00	\$ 6,605.00	\$ 6,605 00	\$ 6,605 00
31	Accounting Fees	3,574 71	1,072.41	2,144 83	357.47
33	Supplies	17,943 53	10,766 12	5,383 06	1,794.35
34	Telephone	1,368 31	456 10	456 10	456.10
35	Postage & Shipping	589 02	196 34	196.34	196 34
36	Occupancy	21,886 49	13,131 89	6,565 95	2,188 65
39	Travel	307 96		307 96	
43	Other Expenses:				
	Staffing Agency	13,279 40	6,639 70	3,319 85	3,319 85
	Dues & Subscriptions	659 39	-	659 39	-
		\$79,423 81	\$38,867 57	\$25,638 48	\$14,917 77

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## **Statement 2**

### **Part III: Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Our services are structured around our understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention, and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success. With this in mind, 826LA provides without charge drop-in tutoring, after-school workshops, in-schools tutoring, help for English language learners, and assistance with student publications. All our programs are challenging and enjoyable, and ultimately strengthen each student's power to express ideas effectively, creatively, confidently, and in his or her individual voice.

826LA is run by a small staff and over 400 volunteers. Since opening in March of 2005, 826LA's highly motivated volunteers—who include writers, editors, filmmakers, graphic novelists, musicians, and SAT-course instructors—have donated thousands to working with students, both in our writing lab in Venice and in classrooms throughout Los Angeles County.

#### ***One-on-One Tutoring***

826LA offers free drop-in tutoring Monday through Thursday, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. We understand the power of personalized instruction, and so we offer local students individualized help with their homework. On weekday afternoons, students pack into our writing lab, where they work with tutors to complete their daily assignments, and often to embark on ambitious writing projects: poems, stories, comic books, and self-initiated research. We regularly publish work written in drop-in, and recently inaugurated *Dogtown Books*, an in-house publishing outfit dedicated to putting this after-school writing into print.

#### ***Workshops***

826LA offers writing workshops that cover a wide spectrum of subjects, all designed to strengthen students' skills, foster their creativity, and give them an opportunity to execute projects that showcase their work. Working professionals teach all our workshops, and we keep class sizes small to ensure that students get plenty of individualized attention. Our workshops focus on topics not typically taught in school: Recent classes have covered crafting college-application essays, designing imaginary countries, preparing for the SAT, reviewing runway fashion, and writing nonsense poetry.

#### ***Field Trips***

In the mornings, classes from around Los Angeles visit our writing lab to participate in our engaging and spirited field trips. Teachers can choose from one of our field-trip plans—like workshops in screenwriting and journalism—or they can request a custom-designed program. 826LA will tailor a field trip to complement any teacher's curriculum. For example, middle-school students studying the relationship between art and survival came to 826LA for a workshop to write desert-island screenplays: they created original characters and then explored the ways those characters acted and interacted when stranded together.

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Currently, our most popular field trip is *Storytelling & Bookmaking*, in which classes collaborate to write stories for Mr. Barnacle, the never-seen, always-cranky publisher behind Barnacle & Barnacle Books. With the help of a storyteller, illustrator, and typist, a class works together to create characters, a setting, and a plot for an original story. (A recent book chronicled the friendship between an injured mouse and a sandwich-making robot policeman.) The action builds to a thrilling cliffhanger, and then each student has an opportunity to write an ending, create an illustration, bind his or her book, and present the finished product. Barnacle is notoriously hard to please, but our students' work manages to earn his enthusiastic approval every time.

*"The program was great—the students loved making and keeping their books. This is the best field trip I've ever been on. You have made the writing process great fun."*

Trisha Clark, Third Grade Teacher at Camino Nuevo Charter School.

***In-Schools Support for Teachers***

Since it is sometimes difficult for classes to come to us, 826LA sends volunteers into school throughout Los Angeles. Our tutors support Los Angeles teachers in their classrooms, providing students with one-on-one attention and feedback as they work on various writing assignments: sonnets, biographies, U.C. application essays, and more. *Community Photoworks*, a recent collaboration between 826LA and the Getty Museum taught seventh-graders the basics of photographic composition, sent them into Los Angeles with cameras, and helped them polish artist statements. Their photographs and statements were displayed in a gallery exhibition in Venice.

***Student Publishing***

826LA is committed to publishing the work of young writers. Professional editors and designers work with students to create handsome volumes worthy of our students' excellent writing. 826LA's tape-binding machine allows our students to easily self-publish. Our in-house publications—packed with writing done during drop-in tutoring or our many workshops—are also made with the help of editors and designers. Whether printing them professionally or binding them in our writing lab, we are always making books at 826LA.

***826LA Events and Programs***

826LA benefits enormously from the writers, musicians, comedians, and performers who donate their time and talent to fundraising events. The programs further the educational and charitable purposes of 826LA and generally consist of readings and other instructions by authors. All donations and proceeds from the programs will directly fund our other educational programming.

A calendar of educational programs and activities for a representative month is attached hereto. For more information regarding 826LA's offering of educational programs, please visit 826LA's web site at [www.826la.org](http://www.826la.org)



# 826LA

go up the stairs,  
take a breath,  
turn to your right

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May 2006

- 11 **SAT Workshop**  
**Session 2 of 4.**  
High school students. Four sessions: Thursdays, May and June 1. Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm. **More »**
- 13 **Roll Out the Catwalk**  
**Session 2 of 2.**  
Taught by Tami Mnoian and Lien Ta. Ages 10-13. Two Saturdays, May 6 and 13. Time: 10:30am - 12:30 pm. ]
- 17 **Write on Your Feet**  
**Session 1 of 3.**  
Taught by Carolina Rojas Moretti. Ages 8-11. Three se. Wednesdays, May 17, 24, and 31. Time: 6:00pm - 8:00 **More »**
- 18 **SAT Workshop**  
**Session 3 of 4.**  
High school students. Four sessions: Thursdays, May and June 1. Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm. **More »**
- 20 **Mail Does Not Begin with an E: Writing Mail at Getting Mail**  
**Session 1 of 3.**  
Taught by Myles Nye and Melinda Rayman. Ages 10-1 sessions: Saturdays, May 20 and 27; June 3. Time: 1:0 3:00pm. **More »**
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**June 2006**

- 1 SAT Workshop  
Session 1 of 4.**  
High school students. Four sessions: Thursdays, May and June 1. Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm. **More »**
- 3 Mail Does Not Begin with an E: Writing Mail and Getting Mail  
Session 3 of 3.**  
Taught by Myles Nye and Melinda Rayman. Ages 10-14. Sessions: Saturdays, May 20 and 27; June 3. Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm. **More »**
- 4 Sunday Afternoons at the Hammer**  
With Caryn Coleman, editor of **art.bloggng.la**. Sundays, 4, 12PM to 2PM. **More »**
- 10 McSweeney's Presents: The World, Explained.**  
Readings, Comedy, Music, and Extreme PowerPoint Presentations. A Benefit for 826LA. Saturday, June 10. **More »**
- 15 Found Magazine Cavalcade of Thrills, featuring Mortified.**  
Thursday, June 15, 8pm. King King, 6555 Hollywood Blvd. **More »**

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**Statement 3**

**Working Capital Advance Payable**

		<b>FYE 6/30/05</b>
Due to 826 National		\$ 30,000 00

In order to facilitate cash flow operations during 826LA's start up phase, 826 LA received a working capital advance from 826 National, an affiliated entity, in the amount of \$30,000. The amount bears no interest and is due and payable on January 31, 2007.

**Statement 4**  
**Relationship with Affiliate**

826LA is modeled after 826 National, a tax-exempt writing lab and tutoring center located in San Francisco's Mission District. On March 1, 2005, the date on which 826LA commenced operations, 826LA and 826 Valencia entered into the 826 National Chapter Affiliation Agreement. The Affiliation Agreement provides 826LA with a license to use the educational programs and other intellectual property of 826 Valencia. National. Mr. Eggers and Ms. Calegari are members of the Board of Directors of each of 826 National and 826LA.

**Statement 5**  
**Relationship of Activities to Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

*Educational Programs*

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*Student Publishing*

The stories, articles and books that are written by students who receive tutoring and other educational services through 826LA are frequently bound by 826LA into print volumes. The bound volumes are available for sale by 826LA at the 826LA facility. 826LA recognizes that the publication of the student materials provides a significant incentive for each student to complete his or her writings for potential inclusion in the published materials. The proceeds received from the sale of the writings help to fund 826LA's activities.

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826LA offers free drop-in tutoring Monday through Thursday, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. We understand the power of personalized instruction, and so we offer local students individualized help with their homework. On weekday afternoons, students pack into our writing lab, where they work with tutors to complete their daily assignments, and often to embark on ambitious writing projects: poems, stories, comic books, and self-initiated research. We regularly publish work written in drop-in, and recently inaugurated *Dogtown Books*, an in-house publishing outfit dedicated to putting this after-school writing into print.

#### ***Workshops***

826LA offers writing workshops that cover a wide spectrum of subjects, all designed to strengthen students' skills, foster their creativity, and give them an opportunity to execute projects that showcase their work. Working professionals teach all our workshops, and we keep class sizes small to ensure that students get plenty of individualized attention. Our workshops focus on topics not typically taught in school: Recent classes have covered crafting college-application essays, designing imaginary countries, preparing for the SAT, reviewing runway fashion, and writing nonsense poetry.

#### ***Field Trips***

In the mornings, classes from around Los Angeles visit our writing lab to participate in our engaging and spirited field trips. Teachers can choose from one of our field-trip plans—like workshops in screenwriting and journalism—or they can request a custom-designed program. 826LA will tailor a field trip to complement any teacher's curriculum. For example, middle-school students studying the relationship between art and survival came to 826LA for a workshop to write desert-island screenplays: they created original characters and then explored the ways those characters acted and interacted when stranded together.

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**Statement 2 (Continued)**

**Part III: Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (Continued)**

Currently, our most popular field trip is *Storytelling & Bookmaking*, in which classes collaborate to write stories for Mr. Barnacle, the never-seen, always-cranky publisher behind Barnacle & Barnacle Books. With the help of a storyteller, illustrator, and typist, a class works together to create characters, a setting, and a plot for an original story. (A recent book chronicled the friendship between an injured mouse and a sandwich-making robot policeman.) The action builds to a thrilling cliffhanger, and then each student has an opportunity to write an ending, create an illustration, bind his or her book, and present the finished product. Barnacle is notoriously hard to please, but our students' work manages to earn his enthusiastic approval every time.

*"The program was great—the students loved making and keeping their books. This is the best field trip I've ever been on. You have made the writing process great fun."*

Trisha Clark, Third Grade Teacher at Camino Nuevo Charter School.

***In-Schools Support for Teachers***

Since it is sometimes difficult for classes to come to us, 826LA sends volunteers into school throughout Los Angeles. Our tutors support Los Angeles teachers in their classrooms, providing students with one-on-one attention and feedback as they work on various writing assignments: sonnets, biographies, U.C. application essays, and more. *Community Photoworks*, a recent collaboration between 826LA and the Getty Museum taught seventh-graders the basics of photographic composition, sent them into Los Angeles with cameras, and helped them polish artist statements. Their photographs and statements were displayed in a gallery exhibition in Venice.

***Student Publishing***

826LA is committed to publishing the work of young writers. Professional editors and designers work with students to create handsome volumes worthy of our students' excellent writing. 826LA's tape-binding machine allows our students to easily self-publish. Our in-house publications—packed with writing done during drop-in tutoring or our many workshops—are also made with the help of editors and designers. Whether printing them professionally or binding them in our writing lab, we are always making books at 826LA.

***826LA Events and Programs***

826LA benefits enormously from the writers, musicians, comedians, and performers who donate their time and talent to fundraising events. The programs further the educational and charitable purposes of 826LA and generally consist of readings and other instructions by authors. All donations and proceeds from the programs will directly fund our other educational programming.

Additional information regarding the educational programs and activities is attached hereto.

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**Statement 3**

**Working Capital Advance Payable**

		<b>FYE 6/30/05</b>
Due to 826 National		\$ 30,000 00

In order to facilitate cash flow operations during 826LA's start up phase, 826 LA received a working capital advance from 826 National, an affiliated entity, in the amount of \$30,000. The amount bears no interest and is due and payable on January 31, 2007.

**Statement 4**  
**Relationship with Affiliate**

826LA is modeled after 826 National, a tax-exempt writing lab and tutoring center located in San Francisco's Mission District. On March 1, 2005, the date on which 826LA commenced operations, 826LA and 826 Valencia entered into the 826 National Chapter Affiliation Agreement. The Affiliation Agreement provides 826LA with a license to use the educational programs and other intellectual property of 826 Valencia National. Mr. Eggers and Ms. Calegari are members of the Board of Directors of each of 826 National and 826LA.

**Statement 5**  
**Relationship of Activities to Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

*Educational Programs*

826LA hosts readings and other educational programs that generally consist of a reading of a published work by a prominent author. The speaker at the program donates his/her time to 826LA and all donations and proceeds from the programs will directly fund our other educational programming.

*Student Publishing*

The stories, articles and books that are written by students who receive tutoring and other educational services through 826LA are frequently bound by 826LA into print volumes. The bound volumes are available for sale by 826LA at the 826LA facility. 826LA recognizes that the publication of the student materials provides a significant incentive for each student to complete his or her writings for potential inclusion in the published materials. The proceeds received from the sale of the writings help to fund 826LA's activities.

## Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1708

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
  - If you are filing for an Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time—Only submit original (no copies needed).**

Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only   
 All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041.

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Form 8868 can be filed electronically if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for corporate Form 990-T filers). However, you cannot file it electronically if you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension, instead you must submit the fully completed signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile).

<b>Type or print</b>	Name of Exempt Organization <b>826 LA</b>	Employer identification number <b>38 : 3722992</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. if a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>685 Venice Boulevard</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>Venice, CA 90291</b>	

- Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):**
- |  |   |                                    |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

• The books are in the care of ▶ **Pilar Perez, Executive Director**

Telephone No. ▶ ( **310** ) **305-8418** FAX No. ▶ ( **310** ) **305-8616**

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ . If this is for the whole group, check this box  . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a Form 990-T corporation) extension of time until **February 15**, 20**06**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:  
 ▶  calendar year 20... or  
 ▶  tax year beginning **February 2**, 20**05**, and ending **June 30**, 20**05**.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

- If you are filing for an Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II and check this box  . . . ▶
- Note: Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I (on page 1).

**Part II Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time—Must File Original and One Copy.**

Type or print  File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization	Employer identification number
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

- |                                      |   |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990    | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720                                |                                    |

**STOP: Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

- The books are in the care of ▶ .....
- Telephone No. ▶ (.....) ..... FAX No. ▶ (.....) .....
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box  . . . ▶
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) ..... If this is for the whole group, check this box  . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- I request an additional 3-month extension of time until ....., 20.....
- For calendar year ....., or other tax year beginning ....., 20....., and ending ....., 20.....
- If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period
- State in detail why you need the extension .....

- If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ .....
- If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868 \$ .....
- Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form; or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. \$ .....

**Signature and Verification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ▶ *John K. [Signature]* Title ▶ Treasurer Date ▶ 11/15/05

**Notice to Applicant—To Be Completed by the IRS**

- We have approved this application. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
- We have not approved this application. However, we have granted a 10-day grace period from the later of the date shown below or the due date of the organization's return (including any prior extensions). This grace period is considered to be a valid extension of time for elections otherwise required to be made on a timely return. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
- We have not approved this application. After considering the reasons stated in item 7, we cannot grant your request for an extension of time to file. We are not granting a 10-day grace period.
- We cannot consider this application because it was filed after the extended due date of the return for which an extension was requested.
- Other .....

Director \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Mailing Address — Enter the address if you want the copy of this application for an additional 3-month extension returned to an address different than the one entered above.

Type or print	Name
	Number and street (include suite, room, or apt. no.) or a P.O. box number
	City or town, province or state, and country (including postal or ZIP code)

- If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box  **Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

**Part II Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time—Must File Original and One Copy.**

Type or print  File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization <b>826LA</b>	Employer identification number <b>38 : 3722092</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>685 Venice Boulevard</b>	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>Venice, CA 90291</b>	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720                                |                                    |

**STOP: Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

- The books are in the care of **Mac Barnett, Program Director**  
Telephone No. **( 310 ) 305-8418** FAX No. **( 310 ) 305-8616**
- If the organization does **not** have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the **whole** group, check this box . If it is for **part** of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until May 15, 20 06.
- 5 For calendar year \_\_\_\_\_, or other tax year beginning February 2, 20 05, and ending June 30, 20 05.
- 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension outside accounting agency finalizing financial statements

- 8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature and Verification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature *John Barnett* Title **Treasurer** Date February 15, 2006

**Notice to Applicant—To Be Completed by the IRS**

- We have approved this application. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
- We have not approved this application. However, we have granted a 10-day grace period from the later of the date shown below or the due date of the organization's return (including any prior extensions). This grace period is considered to be a valid extension of time for elections otherwise required to be made on a timely return. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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	City or town, province or state, and country (including postal or ZIP code)