

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2008, 2009, and ending June 30, 20 09

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| 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 | Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. | C Name of organization 826LA Doing Business As | | D Employer identification number 38 : 3722092 |
| | | Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 685 Venice Boulevard | | E Telephone number (310) 305-8418 |
| | | City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Venice, CA 90291 | | G Gross receipts \$ \$678,199 |
| | | F Name and address of principal officer Joel Arquillos, Executive Director 685 Venice Boulevard, Venica, CA 90291 | | H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number Not applicable |
| I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 | | J Website: www.826la.org | | |
| K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | L Year of formation 2005 | M State of legal domicile CA | |

Part I Summary

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| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: 826LA provides free tutoring, writing and other educational programs for children from the ages of six to eighteen. Through its extensive network of employees, teachers, tutors and other volunteers, 826LA provides low-income students and schools in under-served areas with access to tutoring, writing workshops, field trips, in-classroom sessions and other programs. | | |
| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets | | |
| | 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 12 |
| | 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 12 |
| | 5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 14 |
| | 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 1,600 |
| | 7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | 100,057 |
| b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | 0 | |
| Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | Prior Year | Current Year |
| | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 372,027.64 | 575,595.20 |
| | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 4,750.00 | - |
| | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 3,688.81 | 2,546.74 |
| | 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 74,903.18 | 100,056.79 |
| Expenses | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 455,369.63 | 678,198.73 |
| | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 254,295.80 | 315,441.38 |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) | | |
| 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) | 192,752.13 | 269,264.85 | |
| 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 447,047.93 | 584,706.23 | |
| 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 8,321.70 | 93,492.50 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 359,634.20 | 453,126.70 |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 52,000.00 | 52,000.00 |
| | | 307,834.20 | 401,126.70 |

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.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: *Joel Arquillos* Date: **5/15/10**

Type or print name and title: **JOEL ARQUILLOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Paid Preparer's Use Only

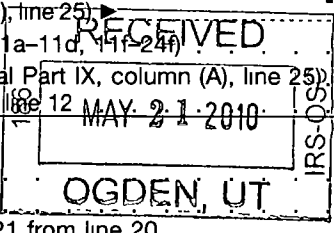
Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____ Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: _____ Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): _____

EIN: _____ Phone no: () _____

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
826LA's mission is to provide free education programs to children between 6 and 18 who live in low income areas. 826LA is dedicated to assisting students in developing creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire students to write.

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 No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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: 611170) (Expenses \$ 144,508 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

One-on-one tutoring programs (educational support services).
See Statement 1.

4b (Code: 611170) (Expenses \$ 131,372 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

In-school service programs (educational support services).
See Statement 1

4c (Code: 611170) (Expenses \$ 87,581 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

Student work shops (educational support services).
See Statement 1.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 74,433 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses **▶ 437,905**

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> | ✓ | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? | ✓ | |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 4 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | | ✓ |
| 5 | Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <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> | | ✓ |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 11 | Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> | | ✓ |
| | • 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> | | |
| | • 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> | | |
| | • 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> | | |
| | • 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> | | |
| | • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> | | |
| | • 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | | |
| 12 | 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> | | ✓ |
| 12A | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> | Yes | No |
| | | | ✓ |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | | ✓ |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | | ✓ |
| 14b | 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, Part I</i> | | ✓ |
| 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, Part II.</i> | | ✓ |
| 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, Part III</i> | | ✓ |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 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> | ✓ | |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 20 | Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | ✓ |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | Yes | No |
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| 21 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> | | ✓ |
| 22 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> | | ✓ |
| 23 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> | | ✓ |
| 24a 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> | | ✓ |
| b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | ✓ |
| c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | ✓ |
| d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | ✓ |
| 25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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> | | ✓ |
| 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> | | ✓ |
| 26 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> | | ✓ |
| 27 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> | | ✓ |
| 28 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): | | |
| a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i> | | ✓ |
| b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i> | | ✓ |
| c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i> | | ✓ |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i> | | ✓ |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i> | | ✓ |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i> | | ✓ |
| 32 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> | | ✓ |
| 33 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> | | ✓ |
| 34 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> | | ✓ |
| 35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i> | | ✓ |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i> | | ✓ |
| 37 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> | | ✓ |
| 38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. | ✓ | |

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

| | | Yes | No |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return | | |
| 2b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 4a | 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)? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5c | If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). | | | |
| a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year | | |
| e | Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g | For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| h | For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 8 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. | | |
| a | Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: | | |
| a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 | 10a | NA |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | 10b | NA |
| 11 | Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: | | |
| a | Gross income from members or shareholders | 11a | NA |
| b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) | 11b | NA |
| 12a | Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year | 12b | NA |

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.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of voting members that are independent | | |
| 2 | 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? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | 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? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Does the organization have members or stockholders? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7a | Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7b | Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | |
| a | The governing body? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 9a | 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 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10a | Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10b | 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? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 11A | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | |
| 12a | Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 12b | Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 12c | Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 13 | Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 | Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 15 | 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? | | |
| a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| b | Other officers or key employees of the organization | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.) | | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 16b | 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? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **California**
- 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 ► **Joel Arquillos, Executive Director, 685 Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA, 90291, (310) 305-8418,**

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

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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- 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. 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 the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week | (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 | | | |
| Sally Willcox, President and Director | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Jodie Evans, Vice President and Director | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | - | - | - |
| John Gilbertson, Treasurer and Director | 4 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | - | - | - |
| Melissa Matheson, Secretary and Director | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | - | - | - |
| Miguel Arteta, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Mac Barnett, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Joshua Bearman, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Ninive Calegari, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Dave Eggers, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Naomi Foner, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Keith Knight, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Salvador Plascencia, Director | 1 | ✓ | | | | | | - | - | - |
| Joel Arquillos, Executive Director | 40 | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 62,596.23 | | |
| Julius Diaz Panorigan, Director of Education | 40 | | | | ✓ | | | 47,916.75 | | |
| Bonnie Chau, Echo Park Coordinator | 40 | | | | ✓ | | | 41,458.41 | | |
| Danny Horn, Programs/ Social Media Coord | 40 | | | | ✓ | | | 41,458.41 | | |

| 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 | |
|--|--|--|-------------------|----------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions). | 1e | | | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f | 517,726.75 | | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ | | | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶ | | | 517,726.75 | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a Educational Theme Store | Business Code | 611170 | 100,056.79 | | 100,056.79 | | |
| | b | | | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶ | | | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶ | | | 2,546.74 | 2,546.74 | | | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶ | | | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties ▶ | | | | | | | |
| | 6a Gross Rents | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | | | | |
| | | b Less: rental expenses | | | | | | |
| | | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | | | |
| | | d Net rental income or (loss) ▶ | | | | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | (ii) Other | | | | | |
| | | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | | | |
| | | c Gain or (loss) | | | | | | |
| | | d Net gain or (loss) ▶ | | | | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 a | | | 57,868.45 | | | | |
| | | b Less: direct expenses b | | Schedule G | | | | |
| | | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ▶ | | | 57,868.45 | | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a | | | | | | | |
| b Less: direct expenses. b | | | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶ | | | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a | | | | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold b | | | | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶ | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Business Code | | | | | | |
| 11a | | | | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | | | |
| e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶ | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions. ▶ | | | | 678,198.73 | 2,546.74 | 100,056.79 | | |

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).

| <i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i> | | (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 | | | | |
| 2 | Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 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 | 177,875.09 | 142,846.29 | 11,117.26 | 23,911.54 |
| 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 | 14,889.52 | 7,444.76 | - | 7,444.76 |
| 8 | Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 | Other employee benefits | 23,318.97 | 18,180.89 | 1,344.87 | 3,793.21 |
| 10 | Payroll taxes | 99,357.80 | 77,465.40 | 5,730.24 | 16,162.16 |
| 11 | Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a | Management | 15,137.16 | 10,596.01 | 3,027.43 | 1,513.72 |
| b | Legal | | | | |
| c | Accounting | 5,741.42 | | 5,741.42 | |
| d | Lobbying | | | | |
| e | Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f | Investment management fees | | | | |
| g | Other | 21.92 | | 21.92 | |
| 12 | Advertising and promotion | 18,885.80 | 13,220.06 | 3,777.16 | 1,888.58 |
| 13 | Office expenses | 750.00 | 525.00 | 150.00 | 75.00 |
| 14 | Information technology | | | | |
| 15 | Royalties | | | | |
| 16 | Occupancy | 123,850.73 | 86,695.51 | 24,770.15 | 12,385.07 |
| 17 | Travel | | | | |
| 18 | Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 | Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 3,125.61 | 2,187.93 | 625.12 | 312.56 |
| 20 | Interest | | | | |
| 21 | Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 | Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 24,889.47 | 17,422.63 | 4,977.89 | 2,488.95 |
| 23 | Insurance | 17,450.97 | 12,215.68 | 3,490.19 | 1,745.10 |
| 24 | Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.) | | | | |
| a | Education Prgrms - Printing/Publishing | 29,084.24 | 29,084.24 | | |
| b | Finance Service Charges | 3,021.10 | 906.33 | 1,812.66 | 302.11 |
| c | Other Expenses/Income | (2,143.11) | (1,500.18) | (428.62) | (214.31) |
| d | Taxes | 3,645.98 | 2,552.19 | 729.20 | 364.60 |
| e | Costs of Educational Products Sold | 25,755.16 | 18,028.61 | 5,151.30 | 2,575.02 |
| f | All other expenses Maintenance | 48.40 | 33.88 | 9.68 | 4.84 |
| 25 | Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f | 584,706.13 | 437,905.24 | 72,047.60 | 74,753.39 |
| 26 | Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Assets | 1 | Cash—non-interest-bearing | 37,375.85 | 1 | 33,965.32 |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | 197,819.99 | 2 | 294,628.86 |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | |
| | 5 | Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | 9 | |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 161,133.88 | | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation | 24,974.63 | 10c | 124,532.52 |
| | 11 | Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 | Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 | Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 | Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 | Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | | 15 | |
| 16 | Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 359,634.20 | 16 | 453,126.70 | |
| Liabilities | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 52,000.00 | 17 | 52,000 |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 | Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 | Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 | Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| | 26 | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 52,000 | 26 | 52,000 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | 307,634.20 | 27 | 401,126.70 |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | | 28 | |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. | | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | 307,634.20 | 33 | 401,126.70 | |
| 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 359,634.20 | 34 | 453,126.70 | |

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual 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?
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c** 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.
- 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 consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis 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?
- b** 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.

| | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|----|
| | | |
| 2a | | ✓ |
| 2b | | ✓ |
| 2c | | |
| | | |
| 3a | | ✓ |
| 3b | | |

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.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2005 | (b) 2006 | (c) 2007 | (d) 2008 | (e) 2009 | (f) Total |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants") | 252,098.11 | 495,567.39 | 195,027.64 | 517,726.75 | | 1,460,419.89 |
| 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 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 | 252,098.11 | 495,567.39 | 195,027.64 | 517,726.75 | | 1,460,419.89 |
| 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) | | | | | | 390,000.00 |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4 | | | | | | 1,070,419.89 |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2005 | (b) 2006 | (c) 2007 | (d) 2008 | (e) 2009 | (f) Total |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 252,098.11 | 495,567.39 | 195,027.64 | 517,726.75 | | 1,460,419.89 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | 5,504.83 | 3,688.81 | 2,546.74 | | 11,740.38 |
| 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) | 6,176.44 | 3,500.00 | 4,750.00 | 3,500.00 | | 17,926.64 |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 1,490,086.91 |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) | | | | | 12 | 14,426.64 |
| 13 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|---|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | % |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | % |
| 16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b 33 1/3 % support test—2008. 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 stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. 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 stop here. 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 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. 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 stop here. 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 Private foundation. 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"/> | | |

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

▶ 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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
826LA

Employer identification number
38 : 3722092

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 | | Not applicable |
| 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 pleasure) 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 Not applicable |
| 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 | 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, 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, 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 ▶ \$ **Not applicable**

(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 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 **Not applicable**
- 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 |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1c Beginning balance | Not applicable |
| 1d Additions during the year | |
| 1e Distributions during the year | |
| 1f Ending balance | |
- 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 | Not applicable | | | | |
| 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:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | | |
| (ii) related organizations | | |
| 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 Investments—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 | 149,421.99 | | 24,889.47 | 124,532.52 |
| d Equipment | 11,711.89 | | 11,711.89 | - |
| e Other | | | | |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) | | | | 124,532.52 |

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

| | | (a) Event #1 | (b) Event #2 | (c) Other Events | (d) Total Events |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | | Movie screening (event type) | Recreation (event type) | Entertainment (2) (total number) | (Add col (a) through col (c)) |
| Revenue | 1 Gross receipts | 20,000 | 26,000 | 11,868.45 | 57,868.45 |
| | 2 Less: Charitable contributions | - | | | |
| | 3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2) | 20,000 | 26,000 | 11,868.45 | 57,868.45 |
| Direct Expenses | 4 Cash prizes | - | | | |
| | 5 Non-cash prizes | - | | | |
| | 6 Rent/facility costs | - | | | |
| | 7 Other direct expenses | - | 431.52 | | 431.52 |
| | 8 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d) ▶ | | | | (431.52) |
| 9 Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d) ▶ | | | | 57,536.93 | |

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)) |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | |
| Revenue | 1 Gross revenue | | | | |
| Direct Expenses | 2 Cash prizes | | | | |
| | 3 Non-cash 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 lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶ | | | | | |

| | Yes | No |
|---|------------|----|
| 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? | 9a | |
| b If "No," Explain: _____ | | |
| 10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? | 10a | |
| b If "Yes," Explain: _____ | | |
| 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? | 11 | |
| 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? | 12 | |

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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826LA

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Statement 1
Part III, Line 4a, 4b, and 4c
Largest Program Services

Line 4a

Tutoring Programs: 826LA was founded on the belief that individualized attention to students leads to great academic improvement. Our after-school tutoring program was born from that belief. Weekday afternoons, volunteer tutors wait patiently until eager students charge our writing labs, heads full of questions about writing, math, and even those confounded piano chord progressions. After working with students one-on-one, tutors encourage their students to stretch their imaginations. They first dive into a good book, then work their budding creative skills by tackling a daily writing prompt or revising an already-drafted piece. These works are refined, then collected and published monthly in chapbooks from our in-house publishers, Dogtown Books and Echo Press. The process of writing and publishing with caring volunteer tutors turns even the most tedious of after-school sessions into an imagination factory, making our after-school program a challenging and rewarding atmosphere for future scholars and aspiring authors.

During 2009, 826LA provided over 7,150 one-on-one tutoring sessions.

Line 4b In-school projects: 826LA strives to make our centers and programs accessible to the community. 826LA recognizes, however, that teachers and students are not always able to make it to our writing labs. Accordingly, we send our volunteers to them! With a volunteer base that is eager to infiltrate Los Angeles schools, 826LA is prepared to provide the one-on-one writing support that students of all grade levels need in their classrooms. 826LA adopts a flexible approach to work with teachers on whatever writing their students are doing—persuasive and analytical essays, short stories, autobiographies, poems, plays for stage and screen, and those intimidating college-application essays—and we can also enable projects that teachers have dreamed of, but haven't had the support to execute.

During the 2009, 826LA provided 1,376 students with free one-on-one writing support in the classroom.

Line 4c

Field Trips: Weekdays throughout the school year, Los Angeles classrooms make their way to our writing labs to embark on 826LA's field trips, where we create compelling stories in a few short hours. 826LA can design a custom field trip to complement teacher curriculum, and we offer several standard field trips: screenwriting for high school, choose-your-own-adventure stories for middle school, and our most popular field trip: Storytelling & Bookmaking for elementary school. During the latter, students must bring forth their best writing to appease Mr. Barnacle, our never-seen, always-heard (and always-cranky) publisher. The students work with volunteers and each other to produce a story with all-new characters, setting, and plot, all the way up to a cliffhanger—at which point students must

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finish the story on their own, in order to sate Mr. Barnacle's need for originality. They always succeed, and they always leave with a bound, illustrated book to take home.

During the 2009, 443 826LA volunteers provided 1,439 students with one-on-one writing support during our field trips.

The local and national reputation of 826LA and the other "826" organizations located throughout the United States provide 826LA with a unique ability to increase access to educational services in low income areas. 826LA's small dedicated staff of employees leverages the 826 reputation to tailor dedicated programs designed to recruit, train and retain 826LA's extensive network of highly educated and skilled volunteers. This extensive network of active volunteers enables 826LA to provide benefits to the community that far exceed the level of services provided by other educational organizations with similar levels of resources.

As indicated below, a conservative pro-forma forecast developed for reference purposes only indicates that 826LA provides approximately \$500,000 in additional education opportunities to low income students in underserved areas in Los Angeles. The ability to leverage its funding opportunities by utilizing its extensive volunteer network enables 826LA to make a significant contribution in the communities it serves.

| Pro-Forma Statement: 826LA Expenses, plus benefits to community resulting from fair market value of volunteer services | FYE 6/30/09 | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Total Expenses | Program service expenses | Management and general expenses | Fundraising expenses |
| Total expenses per Statement of Functional Expenses, Prt IX, Form 990 | \$ 584,706.23 | \$ 437,905.24 | \$ 72,047.60 | \$ 74,753.39 |
| Pro-Forma Projection of Volunteer Fair Market Value Services | | | | |
| # of students receiving one on one tutoring from 826LA volunteers | 7,150.00 | | | |
| # of students receiving one on one writing support from 826LA volunteers | 1,376.00 | | | |
| # of students receiving one on one writing support in field trips from 826LA volunteers | 1,439.00 | | | |
| Total Students served by 826LA Volunteers | 9,965.00 | | | |
| # of Volunteer hours per student session (conservative) | 2.00 | | | |
| Total volunteer hours | 19,930.00 | | | |
| Pro-forma volunteer fair market value rate | \$25.00 | | | |
| Pro-forma estimated benefit from volunteer hours | \$498,250.00 | \$ 498,250.00 | - | - |
| Pro-forma: Total 826LA expenses, plus benefits to community resulting from fair market value of volunteer services | \$1,082,956.23 | \$936,155.24 | \$72,047.60 | \$74,753.39 |
| | 100.00% | 86.44% | 6.65% | 6.90% |

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Statement 2
Part III, Line 4d
Schedule O
Other Program Services

826LA is a nonprofit organization with locations in Venice and Echo Park. We are 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 the understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention and that strong writing skills are fundamental to students' future success. With this in mind, we provide in-schools tutoring, assistance with student publications, after-school tutoring, after-school workshops, and help for English language learners. All our free 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.

At 826LA, we believe that students should have access to nurturing learning environments regardless of socioeconomic status. By offering all our programming for free, we aim to break down any barriers that might prevent students from learning, and to serve families who might otherwise struggle to pay for the level of personalized instruction their children receive for free through 826LA. Our programming reaches students at every opportunity—in school, after school, in the evenings, and on weekends. We work to forge relationships with teachers in order to create innovative workshops and lesson plans, to produce professional-quality publications with young people, to inspire students to write and appreciate the written word, and to rally hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers to make it all happen.

In this harsh economic climate, 826LA recognizes that both students and teachers face an increase in overcrowded classrooms and a decrease in one-on-one learning opportunities. We believe that the best way to solve these existing problems in Los Angeles area schools and communities is by bringing our dedicated volunteer force into classrooms and into our writing labs to lend a hand. With the support of over 1,200 trained volunteers, we are able to offer our tutoring services to students at our centers and at schools throughout Los Angeles. Our volunteers include published authors, screenwriters, artists, and teachers—all of whom are eager to tutor, lead workshops, or help our staff and the teachers we support develop curriculum ideas. Since many of our volunteers are literary professionals and artists, our students gain the opportunity to take part in real-world writing experiences that might otherwise be unavailable to them.

OUR HISTORY

826LA is modeled after 826 Valencia, the address and name of a non-profit writing lab and tutoring center located in San Francisco's Mission District. Founded by writer Dave Eggers, educator Nínive Calegari, and a group of energetic and passionate volunteers, 826 Valencia opened its doors in April of 2002 to students eager to write and teachers looking for support. Other cities have now replicated 826 Valencia's success in Chicago, Illinois; Brooklyn, New York; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Seattle, Washington; Boston, Massachusetts; and Los Angeles,

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California. In March of 2005, 826LA opened its doors in the historic SPARC building, a decommissioned police station in Venice that houses arts and writing organizations. In January of 2008, due to repeated requests for our services on the east side of town, we opened a second center in Echo Park, a mixed-income, multiracial community composed of immigrant families and young artists and professionals.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

Our instruction is based on the proven pedagogy of project-based learning, rooted in the conviction that teaching is most effective (and most fun) when it is centered around the execution of a project, whether that be a chapbook full of poems and stories, a CD full of just-written songs, or a final performance of a stand-up comedy routine. As one teacher asserts, “this kind of tangible result is very effective in encouraging students to write and to develop confidence in their ability to do so.” We take great pride in the work created at 826LA, and our students do, too. We offer these FREE programs:

- **After-School Tutoring:** Four days a week, 826LA is packed with neighborhood students who come in after school for free one-on-one tutoring in all subject areas. Silent reading and read-aloud time is a standard part of every student’s experience in this program. Our library contains books ranging from fiction to zoology, thus ensuring that each student will find a publication that suits his or her interests.
- **Field Trips.** Up to four times a week, we welcome into our writing labs an entire public school classroom for a morning of high-energy learning. In our most popular field trip, “Storytelling & Bookmaking,” students write, illustrate, and bind their own books within a two-hour period.
- **Workshops:** We offer free workshops designed to foster creativity and strengthen writing skills in a wide variety of areas, from the playful to the practical. All workshops are project-based and taught by experienced, accomplished professionals. This year, 826LA hosted 124 workshop sessions. We maintained a small student to volunteer ratio with an average of 11 students to 6 volunteers per workshop.
- **In-School Programs:** We dispatch teams of volunteers into local high-need public schools to support teachers and provide one-on-one assistance to students on writing projects. Students and volunteers work together to generate ideas, revise essays or create elaborate story lines and characters. Their collective effort truly pays off: 94% of students participating in our in-school programs say that the 826 tutors helped them improve their writing assignments.
- **Young Authors’ Book Project:** 826’s Young Authors’ Book Project take students through the entire process of book production and publication. Students learn to revise, writing up to ten drafts of an essay or story under the guidance of a professional editor, and make decisions about the final publication. This year, 826LA worked closely with the students of Garfield High School in East Los Angeles to complete *Sheep Can’t Fly*, an anthology of essays, poems and stories. It is 826LA’s largest publication to date.
- **English Language Learner Summer Camp:** For five weeks during the summer, we offer an intensive camp where elementary and middle school students work one-on-one with volunteers to develop their reading, writing, and communication skills. Each week offers a different theme to keep students engaged and excited about learning. During this summer’s

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Animal Week, students read and wrote stories about wildlife and participated in a nature observation walk in Griffith Park.

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Statement 3
Schedule 0
Other Supplemental Information

Part IV:

Relationship with 826 National: 826LA is modeled after 826 Valencia, a tax-exempt writing lab and tutoring center located in San Francisco's Mission District. Effective as of March 1, 2005, the date on which 826LA commenced operations, 826LA entered into the 826 National Chapter Affiliation Agreement. 826 National provides certain supporting services to 826 Valencia, 826LA and the other "826" entities located throughout the country. Among other items, the Affiliation Agreement provides 826LA with a license to use the educational programs and other intellectual property of 826 National. Mr. Eggers and Ms. Calegari are members of the Board of Directors of each of 826 National and 826LA. During FY 2009, 826LA paid 826 National \$15,137 as consideration for corporate support services provided by 826 National to 826LA.

In order to facilitate cash flow operations during 826LA's start up phase, 826 LA received working capital advances from 826 National, an affiliated entity, in the amount of \$62,000 during 2005. The balance owing as of June 30, 2009 is \$52,000. The loan bears no interest and is due and payable at the discretion of 826 National. The loan will be paid off in full by 826LA during FY 2010.

Part IV, Section B

- **Conflict of Interest Standards:** 826LA has adopted a conflicts of interest policy to identify any actual or potential conflicts of interest arising from transactions by and between 826LA and any board member, officer or employer. To the best of its knowledge, 826LA is not a party to any such related party transactions.
- **Form 990:** The Form 990 is prepared under the direction of 826LA's Executive Director and its Treasurer. The Form 990 is also reviewed by members of 826LA's executive committee and distributed to Board members prior to its submission.
- **Compensation:** In order to attract and retain the highly educated and creative work force necessary to implement 826LA's programs, 826LA strives to provide competitive salaries. During FY 09, 826LA provided general increases for staff members that the Board determined were consistent with increases in the cost of living and/or based on change in scope of the employees duties. At the recommendation of the Executive Director, however, 826LA did not make any changes during fiscal year 2009 to the compensation provided to its highest paid employee, the Executive Director, in order to enhance its ability to provide funding for critical programs, 826LA believes that compensation provided to all employees is consistent with fair market value, as determined based on experience of management and the members of the Board of Directors and substantiated as appropriate pursuant to compensation surveys of comparable nonprofit organizations.

Part IV, Section C: Public Disclosures: 826LA's organizational documents are available for review upon request. The documents include the bylaws, the articles of incorporation, Form 990s and the application for exemption (Form 1023).

Outreach Theme Center: During 2008, 826LA expanded the tutoring center in Echo Park to include a new street-front design and theme center that is intended to promote awareness regarding the free education programs that 826LA provides to students. The street front and

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entry room to the Echo Park tutoring facility is designed as a time travel center that inspires student creativity by offering a novel gateway to history and the future

The time travel center plays a major role in attracting students and volunteers to the tutoring center. The center also serves as a starting point for stretching the possibilities of the imaginations of the students. The center is filled with unusual products from different periods of time, entertaining signage, and educational materials. The center functions as an interactive museum that includes surveillance videos of footage from the store during the Victorian era, a refrigerator that preserves dinosaur eggs, and a Pastport room where people can have their photos and documents prepared before they embark on a trip to a different era. The first thing students do before coming in for a field trip is have their picture taken in period costume before entering our writing lab. The center even has a refrigerator that holds "Specialties" which are the books student create at 826LA. The back of our "Specialties" refrigerator is literally a window that provides a view of the writing lab located behind the center.

In October, 2007, the Los Angeles Times described the successful outreach programs conducted through the creativity centers and highlighted the launch of 826LA's time travel center during FY 2008.

"Typically, 826 centers include retail storefronts -- initially a zoning requirement for the San Francisco space -- which have become money-generating flights of fancy for the nonprofits. In San Francisco, students enter through a pirate supply store, in Brooklyn, a superhero store. Seattle offers space travel supply. Only 826LA, in Venice, doesn't have one; although it's near a school, it's not the kind of place a kid might stumble across.

But that's changing. Later this year, L A will become the first city to have two 826 centers when an additional branch opens at 1714 Sunset Blvd. Down the block from Payless Shoes, this tutoring center will be fronted by the Echo Park Time Travel Mart. It's exactly the kind of place a kid might walk into to finger a dinosaur egg, then wind up in a poetry workshop." Los Angeles Times, October 24, 2007, *Eggers' work in words rewarded; Bestselling author and founder of nationwide literacy centers receives the Heinz Award*, Carolyn Kellogg