

Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

OMB No 1545-1150
2016
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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

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

C Name of organization
 Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 PO Box 121

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 Melissa, TX 75454

D Employer identification number
 13-4218621

E Telephone number
 (903) 227-4538

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

I Website: ▶ N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 42,388

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	0
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	14,000
	4 Investment income	4	3
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	28,314	
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	28,314	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	71	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	42,388	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	13,500
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	2,118
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	728
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	25,863
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	42,209	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	179
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	10,908
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	11,087

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	11,133	22	11,467
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,183	24	1,283
25 Total assets	12,316	25	12,750
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	1,408	26	1,663
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	10,908	27	11,087

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
Economic and community excellence

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 See Additional Data Table			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		28a	
29		29a	
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
30		30a	
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32	42,209

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
JASON JUPTIERWALA Chairman	10 00	0		
ALTA SIMMON Vice Chair	5 00	0		
LORELEI PERKINS Secretary	5 00	0		
KIMBERLY BONES Treasurer	5 00	0		
JOE WOOD Board Member	5 00	0		
SHERRI WILLIAMS Board Member	5 00	0		
LANCE TAYLOR Board Member	5 00	0		
TRENT WILKINS Board Member	5 00	0		
BILL JONES Executive Dir	30 00	13,500		

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

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

		Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only
 All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

***** Signature of officer	2018-03-11 Date
BILL JONES EXEC DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name NEIL C HOPKINS CPA	Preparer's signature	Date 2018-11-08	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶ Neil C Hopkins CPA				Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶ 4207 Magnolia Rd Melissa, TX 75454				Phone no (972) 743-5701	

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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 13-4218621

Name: Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
<p>28 Organized Freedom of Celebration Facilitated quarterly and yearly meetings Performed ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses (Grants \$)</p> <p>If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	42,209

TY 2016 Reasonable Cause Explanation

Name: Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce

EIN: 13-4218621

Explanation: PLEASE ABATE THE LATE FILING PENALTY FOR THE CHAMBER BECAUSE THEY CHANGED ACCOUNTANTS OR WENT WITHOUT ONE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. ALSO, EACH YEAR THE LEADERSHIP CHANGES AND EACH YEAR THE "LEARNED FILING REQUIREMENTS" ARE LOST. NO ONE IS AROUND WHO KNOWS THE RULES. NO PERSON OR BUSINESS WAS HARMED BY THE LATE FILING. NO TAX WAS DUE SO NO TAX WAS PAID LATE. A CPA HAS BEEN ENGAGED TO COMPLETE ALL OF THE 990-EZ'S WHICH ARE DUE. THE CPA WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF FINANCIAL REPOR

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

**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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Inspection**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce

Employer identification number
13-4218621

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a** Mail solicitations
 - b** Internet and email solicitations
 - c** Phone solicitations
 - d** In-person solicitations
 - e** Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f** Solicitation of government grants
 - g** Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

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

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		<u>Celeb. of Freedom</u> (event type)	<u>(event type)</u>	<u>(total number)</u>	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross receipts	18,003			18,003
2	Less Contributions				
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	18,003			18,003
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	18,160			18,160
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				18,160
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-157

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 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? Yes No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in
- | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------|---------|
| a | The organization's facility | 13a | _____ % |
| b | An outside facility | 13b | _____ % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Bank fees 427

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Credit card fees 504

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Meals & Entertainment 160

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Office Expense 275

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Payroll tax expense 1121

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Quarterly luncheon 840

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Celebration of Freedom 18160

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Circus expenses 1062

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Annual Meeting - Banquet 3314

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 24	Unidentified rec & undeposited funds 0 100

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 24	Net asset - furniture less Depr'n 1183 1183

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 26	State unemployment payable 9

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 26	Payroll liability 1408 1654