

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

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

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990ez.**

OMB No 1545-1150
2017
Open to Public Inspection

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

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

C Name of organization
Lima Growth Association

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
150 S Jackson St

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Lima, OH 45805

D Employer identification number
34-1787834

E Telephone number
(800) 362-7557

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

I Website: ▶ N/A

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

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. ▶ \$ 9,097

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

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	8,123	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
4	Investment income	4	974	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	2,678
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	9,979
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c		16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	6,408
6	Gaming and fundraising events			17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	19,065
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-9,968
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	0	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	162,617
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	1,819
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	154,468
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					
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8					
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	9,097				

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 columns. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

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

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

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 47
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

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

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

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

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

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

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

Sign Here Signature of officer: ***** Date: 2018-06-20
Peggy Ehora Treasurer
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: Jennifer J Birkemeier CPA CFE Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed PTIN: P00039283
Firm's name: ES Evans and Company Firm's EIN: 34-1717857
Firm's address: 205 West Elm Street Lima, OH 45801 Phone no: (419) 223-3075

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

Additional Data

Software ID: 17005038

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EIN: 34-1787834

Name: Lima Growth Association

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.)	
28 To improve the local economy and employment opportunities by assisting business to move into the area (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
Lima Growth Association**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
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Employer identification number

34-1787834

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1002	Office Expenses \$172

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1012	Insurance \$2830

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1	Dues \$1998

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 2	Real Estate Tax \$1408

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Assets 1	Other Real Estate Owned - Beginning \$72993 Other Real Estate Owned - Ending \$72993

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Assets 2	Sign Relocation Project - Beginning \$225380 Sign Relocation Project - Ending \$225380

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Return Reference	Explanation
Total Liabilities 1007	Secured Mortgages and Notes Payable - Beginning \$294400 Secured Mortgages and Notes Payable - Ending \$294400