

Form **990EZ**
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.
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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018

- 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): 150 S Jackson St
Room/suite:
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. \$ 11,050

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
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts
3	Membership dues and assessments 8,253
4	Investment income 2,797
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses 0
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)
6	Gaming and fundraising events
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)
6b	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) 0
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events 0
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances
7b	Less cost of goods sold 0
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 11,050
Expenses	
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)
11	Benefits paid to or for members
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 1,530
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 4,342
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) 7,208
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 13,080
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) -2,030
Net Assets	
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) 154,468
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) -2,375
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 150,063

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	150,495 22	146,090
23 Land and buildings	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	298,373 24	298,373
25 Total assets	448,868 25	444,463
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	294,400 26	294,400
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	154,468 27	150,063

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?
To improve the local economy and employment opportunities by assisting business to move into the area
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
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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

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
R Barry Hardy President	1 00	0		
Peggy Ehora Treasurer	1 00	0		

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 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 33, 34, 35a, 35b, 35c, 36, 37a, 37b, 38a, 38b, 39, 39a, 39b, 40a, 40b, 40c, 40d, 40e, 41.

42a The organization's books are in care of Peggy A Ehora Telephone no (800) 362-7557
Located at 150 S Jackson St Lima , OH ZIP + 4 45801

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 42b, 42c.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 44a, 44b, 44c, 44d, 45a, 45b.

		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		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

		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
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"

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

***** Signature of officer	2019-10-10 Date
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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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: 18007218

Software Version: 2018v3.1

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)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

Lima Growth Association

Employer identification number

34-1787834

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1002	Office Expenses \$66

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Return Reference	Explanation
Other Expenses 1012	Insurance \$3740

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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 \$1404

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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