

Short Form

Form 990-EZ

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2017

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 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2017, and ending 06/30, 2018

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: GREATER GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. D Employer identification number: 350329470. E Telephone number: (219) 885-7407. F Group Exemption Number.

G Accounting Method: [X] Cash [] Accrual [] Other (specify). H Check [] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B.

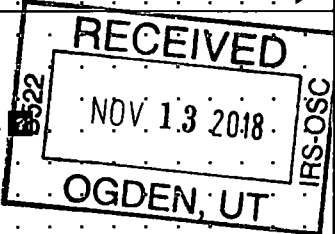
I Website: J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [] 501(c)(3) [] 501(c)(6) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527.

K Form of organization: [X] 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. \$ 111,071

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.

Table with 21 rows. Revenue section (lines 1-9) includes contributions, program service revenue, membership dues, investment income, gaming and fundraising events, and other revenue. Total revenue is 82,346. Expenses section (lines 10-17) includes grants, salaries, professional fees, occupancy, printing, and other expenses. Total expenses is 86,866. Net Assets section (lines 18-21) shows a deficit of 4,520 and ending net assets of 2,593.



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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	7,113	2,593
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		
25 Total assets	7,113	2,593
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	7,113	2,593

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? PROMOTE ECONOMIC & EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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 COORDINATED EFFECTIVE ACTION VENUE FOR PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY PROGRESS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO AGENCIES IN JOB CREATION THROUGH INDUSTRIAL STIMULATION & COMMERCIAL GROWTH, PROVIDED MARKETING PROGRAMS & ENCOURAGED EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	86,866
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
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	86,866

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
CHARLES "CHUCK" HUGHES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	50	68,000	0	0
YVETTE IRONS-JOHNSON CHAIRPERSON	2	0	0	0
DR GORDON BRADSHAW VICE-CHAIRMAN	1	0	0	0
O'MERRIAL BUTCHEE SECRETARY	1	0	0	0
MARIA GUILLEN TREASURER	2	0	0	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

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name.
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, and section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of JAN BOWDEN Telephone no. (219)885-7407 Located at 839 BROADWAY GARY IN ZIP + 4 46402-2414
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
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
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

	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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	<input type="checkbox"/>
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	<input type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 ▶ 0

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 ▶ 0

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: *Chuck Hughes* Date: 10/23/18
 Type or print name and title: CHUCK HUGHES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name VIRGIL MOORE JR	Preparer's signature <i>Virgil Moore Jr</i>	Date 10-23-18	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN PO1494889
	Firm's name ▶ VIRGIL MOORE JR CPA	Firm's EIN ▶ 35-1618560		Phone no (219) 882-4345	
	Firm's address ▶ PO BOX 64593 GARY IN 46401-0593				

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