

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

OMB No 1545-1150 2004 Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2004 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 01, 2004, and ending JUN 30, 2005

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return (checked), Final return, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization, number and street, city, town, street, and ZIP code: TakeBackCA.org, 1474 University Ave Suite 105, Berkeley CA 94702-

D Employer identification number: 33-1094233; E Telephone number: 510-868-0894; F Group Exemption Number

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

G Accounting method: [X] Cash [ ] Accrual; Other (specify)

I Website; J Organization type: [X] 501(c)(3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

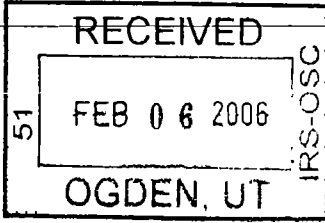
H Check [ ] if the organization is not required to attach Sch B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check [ ] if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 44,104.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See instructions)

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Amount. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21). Total revenue is 44,104 and total expenses is 15,722, resulting in a net asset of 28,382.



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Part II Balance Sheets - If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

Table with 3 columns: Description, (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, Land and buildings, Other assets (Incorporation Costs), Total assets, Total liabilities, and Net assets or fund balances.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. Form 990-EZ (2004)

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See instructions)		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) & (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>Public Education</u>			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.			
28	Promote fairness in election funding processes through research and education about the role of special interests in government decisions (Grants \$ 44,104.)	28a	15,684.
29		29a	
30		30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$ )	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	15,684.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated. See instr.)				
(A) Name and address	(B) Title & average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred comp	(E) Expense account and other allowances
SEE STMT				

Part V Other Information (Note the attachment requirement in General Instruction V)		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? (If "Yes," attach a statement)		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
38 a	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 unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved	38b	
39 a	501(c)(7) organizations Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40 a	501(c)(3) organizations Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955		
b	501(c)(3) and (4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation		X
c	Amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under 4912, 4955, & 4958		
d	Enter Amount of tax on line 40c, above, reimbursed by the organization		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	CA	
42	The books are in care of	Dan Newman Telephone no 510-868-0894 Located at 1474 University Ave Ste 105 Berkeley CA ZIP + 4 94702-	
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

Please Sign Here	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 <i>Daniel Newman</i>		Date Feb-3, 2006	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature <i>Christopher Ikeda-Nash</i>		Date 11/10/2005	Check if self employed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) Christopher Ikeda-Nash CPA		Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W)	Preparer's EIN <input type="checkbox"/>
	address and ZIP + 4 405 14th Street Suite 1410 Oakland CA 94612-		Phone no 94-3330411	510-267-0171

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**  
(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust  
**Supplementary Information - (See separate instructions.)**

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**2004**

▶ **MUST** be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ

Name of the organization

TakeBackCA.org

Employer identification number

33-1094233

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**

(See the instructions List each one If there are none, enter "None ")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowance
N/A				

Total number of other employees paid over

\$50,000 ▶

**Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**

(See the instructions List each one (whether individuals or firms) If there are none, enter "None ")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
N/A		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 and Form 990-EZ

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2004

<b>Part III</b> Statements About Activities (See instructions)		Yes	No
1	During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38 Part VI-A or line 1 of Part VI-B) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		X
2	During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a	Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		X
b	Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c	Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d	Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	X	
e	Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3a	Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		X
b	Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		X
4a	Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		X
b	Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?		X

**Part IV** Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See instructions)

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)
- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
  - 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
  - 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
  - 8  A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
  - 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 12  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
  - 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12 ) Use cash method of accounting

**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(e) Total
<b>15</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)					
<b>16</b> Membership fees received					
<b>17</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose					
<b>18</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975					
<b>19</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
<b>20</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
<b>21</b> The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.					
<b>22</b> Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets.					
<b>23</b> Total of lines 15 through 22					
<b>24</b> Line 23 minus line 17					
<b>25</b> Enter 1% of line 23					

**26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:** a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24 ▶ **26a**

b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2000 through 2003 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts ▶ **26b**

c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e) ▶ **26c**

d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 22 \_\_\_\_\_ 26b \_\_\_\_\_ ▶ **26d**

e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total) ▶ **26e**

f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator)) ▶ **26f** %

**27 Organizations described on line 12:** a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2003) NA (2002) NA (2001) NA (2000) NA

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for the year:

(2003) \_\_\_\_\_ (2002) \_\_\_\_\_ (2001) \_\_\_\_\_ (2000) \_\_\_\_\_

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_ ▶ **27c**

d Add: Line 27a total \_\_\_\_\_ and line 27b total \_\_\_\_\_ ▶ **27d**

e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total) ▶ **27e**

f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test. Enter amount from line 23, column (e) ▶ **27f**

g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) ▶ **27g** %

h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator)) ▶ **27h** %

**28 Unusual Grants:** For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2000 through 2003, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See instructions )  
 (To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group      Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b>		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations												
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred )															
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36													
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37													
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38													
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39													
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40													
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table -														
	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>If the amount on line 40 is -</b></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is -</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </table>	<b>If the amount on line 40 is -</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is -</b>	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 40	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000	41	
<b>If the amount on line 40 is -</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is -</b>														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 40														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42													
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36 Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43													
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38 Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44													

**Caution** If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below  
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 )

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))				
47	Total lobbying expenditures				
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures				

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See instructions )

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers		X	
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h )		X	
c Media advertisements		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body		X	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions speeches lectures, or any other means		X	
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h )			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

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**Part VII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations** (See instructions )

**51** Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

**a** Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of

- (i) Cash
- (ii) Other assets

**b** Other transactions

- (i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization
- (ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
- (iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
- (iv) Reimbursement arrangements
- (v) Loans or loan guarantees
- (vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

**c** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

**d** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

	Yes	No
51a(i)		X
a(ii)		X
b(i)		X
b(ii)		X
b(iii)		X
b(iv)		X
b(v)		X
b(vi)		X
c		X

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, & sharing arrangements

**52 a** Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

## List of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees

US 990

990: Page 4, Part V; 990EZ: Page 2 Part IV; 990-PF: Page 6, Part VIII

2004

Name and Address	Title/Average Hours Per Week Devoted to Position	Amount Paid	Amount for Employee Benefit Plan	Expense Account and Other Allowances
Thomas Layton San Francisco	Co-Chair 5			
Jaleh Bisharat Piedmont CA	Co-Chair 5			
Greg Gretsches San Francisco	Vice Pres 5			
Dan Newman Berkeley CA	Exec Direc 32			



Detail Sheet

2004

Name: TakeBackCA.org

ID: 33-1094233

Description Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers

	Hours per Week Amount
Thomas Layton 2310 Washington St San Francisco CA Type	5.
Jaleh Bisharat 360 Mountain Ave Piedmont CA	5.
Greg Gretsches 2260 Washington St San Francisco CA	5.
Dan Newman 1035 Henry St Apt B Berkeley CA	32.
Total	47.

Detail Sheet

2004

Name: TakeBackCA.org

ID 33-1094233

Description Form 990EZ Pg1 Other Expenses

Type	Amount
Advertising	97.
Education	395.
Computer Costs	525.
Legal & Professional Fees	1,450.
Meals & Entertainment	25.
Office Expenses	235.
Staff Leasing	9,736.
Travel	113.
Telephone	108.
Web Design Fees	3,000.
Amortization	38.
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,722.</b>

2004 ASSET DETAIL REPORT

Description	Date Acqd	Cost	Bus. Use	1794 Spec.	Basis	Method	Rec. Per.	Cv	Prior Depr.	Current Depr.	AMT Depr.	Next Year	Gain/Loss	Sales Price	Exp Adj	Date Sold
Form: US Short Exempt Organization Return Pg 1																
Rental Property: N/A																
Depreciation Class: N/A																
In Service Year: 2005																
Incorporatio 05/05	2300	100			2300	AMORTIZ	5.0			38		460				
Form Totals:	2300				2300					38		460				