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Taxpayer ID number (last 4 digits):

Form:

Tax periods ended:

Person to contact:

Name: ID number: Telephone:

Last day to file petition with United States

Tax Court:

CERTIFIED MAIL - Return Receipt Requested

Dear

Why we are sending you this letter

This is a final determination that you don't qualify for exemption from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(a) as an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3), effective Your determination letter dated , is revoked.

Our adverse determination as to your exempt status was made for the following reasons: Organizations described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) and exempt under IRC Section 501(a) must be both organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes. You have not demonstrated that you operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes as required by IRC Section 501(c)(3). Your primary activities consist of bargain sales, offering benefits to private individuals and not to the public. In addition, your President used the organization's funds for personal purposes, rather than for exempt purposes. IRC Section 501(c)(3) precludes federal income tax exemption if net earnings inure to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals. See Treasury Regulation 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(2). Your tax-exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3) is thus revoked, effective from January 1, 2018.

Organizations that are not exempt under IRC Section 501 generally are required to file federal income tax returns and pay tax, where applicable. For further instructions, forms and information please visit **IRS.gov**.

Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under IRC Section 170.

What you must do if you disagree with this determination

If you want to contest our final determination, you have 90 days from the date this determination letter was mailed to you to file a petition or complaint in one of the three federal courts listed below.

How to file your action for declaratory judgment

If you decide to contest this determination, you can file an action for declaratory judgment under the provisions of Section 7428 of the Code in either:

- The United States Tax Court,
- The United States Court of Federal Claims, or
- The United States District Court for the District of Columbia

You must file a petition or complaint in one of these three courts within 90 days from the date we mailed this determination letter to you. You can download a fillable petition or complaint form and get information about filing at each respective court's website listed below or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of the Court at one of the addresses below. Be sure to include a copy of this letter and any attachments and the applicable filing fee with the petition or complaint.

You can eFile your completed U.S. Tax Court petition by following the instructions and user guides available on the Tax Court website at **ustaxcourt.gov/dawson.html**. You will need to register for a DAWSON account to do so. You may also file your petition at the address below:

United States Tax Court 400 Second Street, NW Washington, DC 20217 ustaxcourt.gov

The websites of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia contain instructions about how to file your completed complaint electronically. You may also file your complaint at one of the addresses below:

US Court of Federal Claims 717 Madison Place, NW Washington, DC 20439 uscfc.uscourts.gov

US District Court for the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001 dcd.uscourts.gov

Processing of income tax returns and assessments of any taxes due will not be delayed if you file a petition for declaratory judgment under IRC Section 7428.

Information about the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service

The IRS office whose phone number appears at the top of the notice can best address and access your tax information and help get you answers. However, you may be eligible for free help from the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) if you can't resolve your tax problem with the IRS, or you believe an IRS procedure just isn't working as it should. TAS is an independent organization within the IRS that helps taxpayers and protects taxpayer rights. Contact your local Taxpayer Advocate Office at:

Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Advocate Office

Or call TAS at 877-777-4778. For more information about TAS and your rights under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, go to **taxpayeradvocate.IRS.gov**. Do not send your federal court pleading to the TAS address listed above. Use the applicable federal court address provided earlier in the letter. Contacting TAS does not extend the time to file an action for declaratory judgment.

Where you can find more information

Enclosed are Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer, and Publication 594, The IRS Collection Process, for more comprehensive information.

Find tax forms or publications by visiting IRS.gov/forms or calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676). If you have questions, you can call the person shown at the top of this letter.

If you prefer to write, use the address shown at the top of this letter. Include your telephone number, the best time to call, and a copy of this letter.

You may fax your documents to the fax number shown above, using either a fax machine or online fax service. Protect yourself when sending digital data by understanding the fax service's privacy and security policies.

Keep the original letter for your records.

Sincerely,

lynn Parinkley
Lynn A. Brinkley

Director, Exempt Organizations Examinations

Enclosures: Publication 1 Publication 594 Publication 892



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Date:

03/25/2022

Taxpayer ID number:

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Person to contact:

Name:

ID number:

Telephone:

Fax: Address:

Manager's contact information:

Name:

ID number:

Telephone:

Response due date:

4/25/2022

Dear

Why you're receiving this letter

We enclosed a copy of our audit report, Form 886-A, Explanation of Items, explaining that we propose to revoke your tax-exempt status as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

If you agree

If you haven't already, please sign the enclosed Form 6018, Consent to Proposed Action, and return it to the contact person shown at the top of this letter. We'll issue a final adverse letter determining that you aren't an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) for the periods above.

After we issue the final adverse determination letter, we'll announce that your organization is no longer eligible to receive tax deductible contributions under IRC Section 170.

If you disagree

- 1. Request a meeting or telephone conference with the manager shown at the top of this letter.
- 2. Send any information you want us to consider.
- 3. File a protest with the IRS Appeals Office. If you request a meeting with the manager or send additional information as stated in 1 and 2, above, you'll still be able to file a protest with IRS Appeals Office after the meeting or after we consider the information.

The IRS Appeals Office is independent of the Exempt Organizations division and resolves most disputes informally. If you file a protest, the auditing agent may ask you to sign a consent to extend the period of limitations for assessing tax. This is to allow the IRS Appeals Office enough time to consider your case. For your protest to be valid, it must contain certain specific information, including a statement of the facts, applicable law, and arguments in support of your position. For specific information needed for a valid protest, refer to Publication 892, How to Appeal an IRS Determination on Tax-Exempt Status.

Fast Track Mediation (FTM) referred to in Publication 3498, The Examination Process, generally doesn't apply now that we've issued this letter.

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4. Request technical advice from the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt Government Entities) if you feel the issue hasn't been addressed in published precedent or has been treated inconsistently by the IRS.

If you're considering requesting technical advice, contact the person shown at the top of this letter. If you disagree with the technical advice decision, you will be able to appeal to the IRS Appeals Office, as explained above. A decision made in a technical advice memorandum, however, generally is final and binding on Appeals.

If we don't hear from you

If you don't respond to this proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we'll issue a final adverse determination letter.

Contacting the Taxpayer Advocate Office is a taxpayer right

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 877-777-4778.

Additional information

You can get any of the forms and publications mentioned in this letter by visiting our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, you can contact the person shown at the top of this letter.

for Lynn A. Brinkley

Acting Director, Exempt Organizations Examinations

Enclosures: Form 886-A Form 6018 Publication 892

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Per response to monthly you letters for the	and conducted at . that was conducted.	are the presenters for the has also received many thank
	listed following volunteer on the Organizations W	ebsite:
* ;	Professional , Financial Advisor Financial Advisor Employment Advocate Coach	l Photographer

There was no information provided as to what activities are conducted by these volunteers. As a part of the organization's response to the exempt activities it conducts, the statements made about the volunteer's activities were: "Average time spent by is per week, in addition to dedicated by volunteers" and "Manage volunteer team and obtain from

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Fundraising Activities

participated in a bargain sale promoter scheme with completing For the bargain sale transaction in bargain sales conducted in wrote charitable contribution acknowledgements that totaled \$, paid fees of \$ paid other fees, and received a net charitable contribution of \$. For the wrote a charitable contribution acknowledgement for \$ bargain sale, and , paid other fees of \$ fees of \$ and received a net charitable contribution of paid . So for the issued acknowledgements that total \$ paid fees of and received a net contribution deposited into the EOs bank account of only \$

When entered into these transactions the were bought and sold on the same day, or a very short time after the donation was accepted. was required to issue the Form 8282 to the donor at the time of the sale because the donation was sold within of receipt. The organization did not file the Forms 8282 at that time. Agent asked for copies of the Form 8282 in the IDR and they were provided even though at the interview they said they were never completed. Agent found out that those Forms 8282 submitted per the IDR, were for Agent to submit to the Service Center. Agent processed the forms to the Service Center.

The organization provided documents associated with the transactions. For example, a review of the documents shows the following. - Letter of intent dated listed as buyer and seller . Total earnest money deposit was \$. Seller to engage an appraiser to prepare an appraisal for the property during inspection period. Seller to provide current title search resulting in a commitment satisfactory to the buyer. Seller will provide the closing documents and shall convey the property to buyer by a special warranty deed. Seller to pay or other transfer taxes. The letter of intent was signed by . Other agreements include Real Estate Purchase Agreement between as buyer and the seller; and Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Purchaser. The document states that any notices required or permitted to be given under the agreement to be sent to closing Dept.

Per bank statements, deposits for the and tax year totaled
 and the amount of those deposits related to bargain sales was
 So received % of its total revenue form the bargain sale schemes they entered into with
 This shows that the bargain sale donation was the primary source of income for

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and business mileage. More specifically the handwritten journal for office rent showed amount of \$\frac{\text{with}}{\text{with}}\$ with \$\frac{\text{with}}{\text{woldsyshow}}\$ of \$\frac{\text{electric}}{\text{and}}\$ internet cost were also allocated to \$\text{No}\$ lease documentation was provided to support the total square feet of the apartment and office space and all exempt activities reported took place at

also provided some documentation titled "Business Lunches". Examples include Page which showed receipt from a restaurant with a notated with a date, amount, and statement " ". The amount noted on the receipts were higher than the total due. % of the total and the remaining % was charged to the organization. A worksheet was deducted provided, i.e. "Work Sheet Page , showing the detail amount for each meal, the total, % deduction. It noted that the amounts were paid from personal checking and and the checking. Some of the receipts noted a name of person and total were reimburses to from others did not note a name but say " ". The documentation did not notate the specific business purpose for the meals.

The personal items consist of purchases such as cloths, RX refills, cosmetics, health care needs, hair appointment, tailor, shoe repair, miscellaneous personal and travel needs, etc. The legal fees were for an issue with apartment lease of residents, for which the president left her apartment for and then went back to the apartment. Other charges include the purchase of a new cell phone and Bluetooth health monitoring devices. Meeting and conferences with travel expenses were noted on the worksheet submitted by the organization. Office supplies include purchases titled "office furnishings" " & " [Worksheet , response listed on file , Page].

As a response to provided a status of the organization in an email that was received on and indicate the following. "At a board meeting that was held in it was decided to shut down operations immediately. This is not solely related to the IRS audit, as the Taxpayer has been frustrated in preforming its exempt functions due to continuing restrictions for as a result of the COVID-pandemic, and the lack of contributions to be able to continue operations. The organization filed Articles of Dissolution with the State of and is no longer a corporation and is no longer conducting business. "No response for the documents requested in were provided.

LAW

To be tax-exempt under IRC § 501(c)(3), an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in IRC § 501(c)(3) The organization must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an action organization, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

IRC § 501(c)(3) exempts from Federal income tax: corporations, and any community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of

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which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which does not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Treasury Regulations

- 1.501(c)(3)-1(a)(1), Organizational and operational tests, provides that in order to be exempt as an organization described in section 501(c)(3), an organization must be both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in such section. If an organization fails to meet either the organizational test or the operational test, it is not exempt.
- 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(1) provides that an organization will be regarded as "operated exclusively" for one or more exempt purpose only if it engages primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of such exempt purposes specified in section 501(c)(3). An organization will not be so regarded if more than an insubstantial part of its activities is not in furtherance of an exempt purpose.
- 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(2) provides that an organization is not operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes if its net earnings inure in whole or in part to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals.
- 1.501(c)(3)-1(d)(ii) of the regulations provides that an organization is not organized or operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes unless it serves a public rather than a private interest. Thus, it is necessary for an organization to establish that it is not organized or operated for the benefit of private interests such as designated individuals, the creator or his family, shareholders of the organization, or persons controlled, directly or indirectly, by such private interests.
- §1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(2) provides that an organization is not operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes if its net earnings inure in whole or in part to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals.
- 1.501(c)(3)-1(d)(2) of the regulations provides that the term "charitable" is used in section 501(c)(3) of the Code in its generally accepted legal sense and includes the promotion of education.
- 1.501(c)(3)-1(d)(3) defines the term educational as the instruction or training of the individual to improve or develop his capabilities, or the instruction of the public on subjects useful to the individual and beneficial to the community. The regulation further provides that an organization may be educational even though it advocates a particular position or viewpoint, so long as it presents a sufficiently full and fair exposition of the pertinent facts to permit the public to form an independent opinion or conclusion. An organization is not educational if its principal function is the mere presentation of unsupported opinion. Treas. Reg. § 1.501(c)(3)-1(d)(3).
- 1.501(c)(3)-1(d)(3)(i) defines the word "educational", as used in §501(c)(3) of the Code, as -
 - (a) The instruction or training of the individual for the purpose of improving or developing his capabilities; or
 - (b) The instruction of the public on subjects useful to the individual and beneficial to the community.

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In Better Business Bureau of Washington, D.C., Inc. v. U.S., 326 U.S. 279 (1945), the Supreme Court stated that an organization is not operated exclusively for charitable purposes if it has a single non charitable purpose that is substantial in nature.

The words "private shareholder or individual" in section 501 refer to persons having a personal and private interest in the activities of the organization. Treas. Reg. § 1.501(a)-1(c).

The inurement prohibition provision "is designed to prevent the siphoning of charitable receipts to insiders of the charity . . ." United Cancer Council v. Commissioner, 165 F.3d 1173 (7th Cir. 1999). A "private shareholder or individual" for purposes of a private inurement analysis has been interpreted to mean an insider of the organization. See Orange County Agricultural Society, Inc. v. Commissioner, 893 F.2d 529, 534 (2d Cir. 1990). The prohibited private inurement involves using the assets of the exempt organization for the benefit of the insider; examples include payment of a percentage of revenue, lending money, and payment of personal expenses. Founding Church of Scientology v. United States, 412 F.2d 1197 (Ct. Cl. 1969).

Prohibited inurement is strongly suggested where an individual or small group has exclusive control over the management of the organization's funds. The Church of Eternal Life and Liberty, Inc. v. Commissioner, 86 T.C. 916, 927 (1986); Basic Bible Church v. Commissioner, 74 T.C. 846, 857 (1980); Church of the Transfiguring Spirit v. Commissioner, 76 T.C. 1, 7 (1981).

Section 4958(c)(1)(A) of the Code, in part, defines an "excess benefit transaction" as "any transaction in which an economic benefit is provided by an applicable tax-exempt organization

Inurement and Private Benefit

Revenue Ruling 67-5, 1967-1 C.B. 123, it was held that a foundation controlled by the creator's family was operated to enable the creator and his family to engage in financial activities which were beneficial to them, but detrimental to the foundation. It was further held that the foundation was operated for a substantial non-exempt purpose and served the private interests of the creator and his family. Therefore, the foundation was not entitled to exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3).

TAXPAYERS POSITION: Unknown at this time.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

An organization that is tax exempt under IRC 501(c)(3) is not organized exclusively for an exempt purpose if it provides private benefit that is more than just incidental to furthering its charitable goals.

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did not operate exclusively for tax exempt purposes in the , their IRC 501(c)(3) tax exempt status should be revoked as of .

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