



Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

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 _____ and ending _____

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

C Name of organization: **Jeffersonian Project**
D.B.A. ALEC Action
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
2900 Crystal Drive, 6th Floor
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Arlington, VA 22202 *04*

D Employer identification number: **46-2233126**

E Telephone number: **(703) 373-0933**

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: ▶ **www.alecaction.org**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) (**4**) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

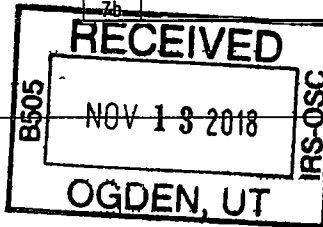
K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

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 ▶ \$ **150,000.**

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

		1	150,000.
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	150,000.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	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	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
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	150,000.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	101,771.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	11,146.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	461.
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	98,920.
	17 Total expenses Add lines 10 through 16	17	212,298.
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<62,298.>
	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	17,583.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	<44,715.>



See Schedule O

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions

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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	77,709.	22	48,084.
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	40,000.	24	255,367.
25 Total assets	117,709.	25	303,451.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	100,126.	26	348,166.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	17,583.	27	<44,715.>

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? See Schedule O

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 Schedule O			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a		185,043.
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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		185,043.

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
Representative Linda Upmeyer Director	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Representative Phil King Director	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Senator Leah Vukmir Director	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Bob Williams Director	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Lisa Nelson CEO	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Lisa Bowen CFO	1.00	0.	0.	0.

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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 Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
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		X
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. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
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)?		X
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	N/A	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	0.	
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
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?		X
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	N/A	
39a	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	N/A	
39b	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	N/A	
39c	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	N/A	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:		
	section 4911	N/A	
	section 4912	N/A	
	section 4955	N/A	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
	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	0.	
	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization	0.	
40e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	See Schedule O	
42a	The organization's books are in care of	Lisa Bowen, CFO Telephone no. (703) 373-0933	
	Located at	2900 Crystal Drive, 6th Floor, Arlington, VA ZIP + 4 22202	
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)?		X
	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?		X
	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		<input type="checkbox"/>
		43	N/A
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
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		X
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
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)?		X
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)		X

	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	X

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 Sch. 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
N/A				

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." **N/A**

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

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 11/1/18
	Type or print name and title Lisa B. Nelson, CEO	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Thomas J. Raffa	Preparer's signature 	Date 10/31/18	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00916458
	Firm's name ▶ Raffa, P.C.	Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1511275			
	Firm's address ▶ 1899 L Street NW, Suite 850 Washington, DC 20036			Phone no. (202) 822-5000	

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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

Jeffersonian Project
D.B.A. ALEC Action

Employer identification number
46-2233126

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses:

Description of Other Expenses:	Amount:
Subscriptions	70,950.
Depreciation	13,333.
Meals and lodging	11,434.
Travel	3,108.
Dues/membership	80.
Bank fees	15.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16	98,920.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets:

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
Prepaid expenses	0.	228,700.
Other Depreciable Assets	40,000.	26,667.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 24	40,000.	255,367.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Other Liabilities:

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
Accounts payable	100,126.	348,166.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Primary Exempt Purpose - The mission of the Jeffersonian Project is to educate the public and government policy makers by providing nonpartisan research on current events and other issues of concern to the public and government policy makers.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28, Program Service Accomplishments:

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2017)

Name of the organization Jeffersonian Project D.B.A. ALEC Action	Employer identification number 46-2233126
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The Jeffersonian Project prepares information and documents to educate the public as well as Congress on various areas, including health care, civil society, welfare, education, the national budget and the environment.

Form 990-EZ Part V, Line 41, List of States receiving copy of Form 990-EZ:
AR, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, MD, MS, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OR, PA, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI

Form 990-EZ, Part V, Information Regarding Personal Benefit Contracts:
The organization did not, during the year, receive any funds, directly, or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract.
The organization, did not, during the year, pay any premiums, directly, or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract.