

**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)

**2002**

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

**A For the 2002 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , 2002, and ending , 20

- B** Check if applicable
- Address change
  - Name change
  - Initial return
  - Final return
  - Amended return
  - Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization <b>THE ELECTION CENTER</b>		D Employer identification number <b>54-1578880</b>
	Number and street (or PO box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number
	<b>12543 WESTELLA</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>281-293-0101</b>
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>HOUSTON, TEXAS 77077</b>		F Accounting method. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	

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

- H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations
- H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No
- H(b) If "Yes" enter number of affiliates \_\_\_\_\_
- H(c) Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No (If "No," attach a list. See instructions)
- H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**G** Web site \_\_\_\_\_

**J** Organization type (check only one)  501(c) ( 3 ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  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

**I** Enter 4-digit GEN \_\_\_\_\_

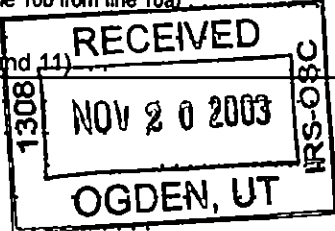
**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Sch B (Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-PF)

**L** Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 17 of the instructions)**

SCANNED DEC 12 '03 Revenue

	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		
	a Direct public support	1a	
	b Indirect public support	1b	
	c Government contributions (grants)	1c	
	d Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)	1d	
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2	456,248
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	151,325
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4	4,805
	5 Dividends and interest from securities	5	1,177
	6a Gross rents	6a	
	b Less rental expenses	6b	
	c Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7 Other investment income (describe _____)	7	
	8a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	(B) Other
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	8a	
	c Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8b	
	d Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8c	
	8d		
	9 Special events and activities (attach schedule)		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a	
	b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b	
	c Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9c	
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	
	b Less cost of goods sold	10b	
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c	
	11 Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11	
	12 Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12	613,555
Expenses	13 Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13	416,168
	14 Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14	46,292
	15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15	
	16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16	
	17 Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	17	462,460
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18	151,095
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19	431,930
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	21	583,025



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**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See page 21 of the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)	22			
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc	25	94,047	77,119	16,928
26	Other salaries and wages	26	27,108	24,126	2,982
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28	10,907	9,707	1,200
29	Payroll taxes	29	8,701	7,135	1,566
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31	1,075	538	537
32	Legal fees	32	860	688	172
33	Supplies	33	6,200	4,774	1,426
34	Telephone	34	11,983	8,508	3,475
35	Postage and shipping	35	12,012	10,571	1,441
36	Occupancy	36	15,698	13,111	2,587
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37	1,681	1,227	454
38	Printing and publications	38	7,698	6,697	1,001
39	Travel	39	72,541	60,064	12,477
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40	191,553	191,553	
41	Interest	41			
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42	396	350	46
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize) a _____	43a			
	b _____	43b			
	c _____	43c			
	d _____	43d			
	e _____	43e			
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B) - (D), carry these totals to lines 13 - 15.	44	462,460	416,168	46,292

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See page 24 of the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>EDUCATE/TRAIN ELECTION OFFICIALS</u>	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs. and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)
a THE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS THE EDUCATION & TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS & THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTIONS LAWS & HOW TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS. (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	215,956
b VOTING SYSTEM PROGRAMS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ELECTION DIRECTORS TO IMPROVE EQUIPMENT USED IN ELECTIONS. (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	56,638
c PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPED TO IMPROVE THE SKILLS OF VOTER REGISTRARS AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS. (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	143,574
d _____ (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	416,168

**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See page 24 of the instructions)

Note		(A)		(B)	
Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	45	Cash — non-interest-bearing	430,191	45	581,682
	46	Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47a	Accounts receivable		47a	
	b	Less allowance for doubtful accounts		47b	47c
	48a	Pledges receivable		48a	
	b	Less allowance for doubtful accounts		48b	48c
	49	Grants receivable		49	
	50	Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50	
	51a	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)		51a	
	b	Less allowance for doubtful accounts		51b	51c
	52	Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		53	
	54	Investments — securities (attach schedule)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	54	
	55a	Investments — land, buildings, and equipment basis		55a	
	b	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)		55b	55c
56	Investments — other (attach schedule)		56		
57a	Land, buildings, and equipment basis	16,549			
b	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	16,546			
58	Other assets (describe <input type="checkbox"/> RENT DEPOSIT )		399	57c	3
			1,340	58	1,340
59	<b>Total assets</b> (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)	431,930	59	583,025	
Liabilities	60	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		60	
	61	Grants payable		61	
	62	Deferred revenue		62	
	63	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64a	Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	b	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b	
	65	Other liabilities (describe <input type="checkbox"/> )		65	
66	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 60 through 65)		66		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74				
	67	Unrestricted		67	
	68	Temporarily restricted		68	
	69	Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74				
	70	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	431,930	72	583,025
73	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72, column (A) must equal line 19, column (B) must equal line 21)	431,930	73	583,025	
74	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (add lines 66 and 73)	431,930	74	583,025	

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.



Part VI Other Information (See page 27 of the instructions)		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	76	X
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	77	X
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b	X
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement	79	X
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	80a	X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the organization <u>N/A</u>		
	and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt		
81a	Enter direct or indirect political expenditures See line 81 instructions <u>81a</u> N/A		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	X
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	X
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II (See instructions in Part III) <u>82b</u> N/A		
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	X
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	N A
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	N A
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	N A
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	N A
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year	85b	N A
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	N/A
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	N/A
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	N/A
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	0
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	N A
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	N A
86	501(c)(7) orgs Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12 <u>86a</u> N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	N/A
87	501(c)(12) orgs Enter a Gross income from members or shareholders <u>87a</u> N/A		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	87b	N/A
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88	N A
89a	501(c)(3) organizations Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <u>N/A</u> , section 4912 <u>N/A</u> , section 4955 <u>N/A</u>		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs 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 a statement explaining each transaction	89b	X
c	Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <u>N/A</u>		
d	Enter Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization <u>N/A</u>		
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <u>N/A</u>		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2002 (See instructions) <u>90b</u> 2		
91	The books are in care of <u>MR. DOUG LEWIS, EXEC DIRECTOR</u> Telephone no <u>281-293-0101</u> Located at <u>12543 WESTELLA STE#100 HOUSTON, TEXAS</u> ZIP + 4 <u>77077</u>		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <u>92</u> N/A		

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See page 31 of the instructions)

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
<b>Note:</b> Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated					
93 Program service revenue					
a CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS					449,510
b AND TUITION					
c REIMBURSEMENTS					6,738
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					151,325
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					4,805
96 Dividends and interest from securities					1,177
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					613,555
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					613,555

**Note:** Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See page 32 of the instructions)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
93	SEE ATTACHED SUPPORTING SCHEDULE # 3

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See page 32 of the instructions)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See page 33 of the instructions)

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

**Note:** If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

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.

**Please Sign Here**

Signature of officer: R D Lewis

Type or print name and title: R D Lewis

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: [Signature]

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: ALAN CHARLES WEINER  
6200 SAVOY#530 HOUS

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

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

OMB No 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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**Supplementary Information — (See separate instructions.)**  
▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

THE ELECTION CENTER

Employer identification number

54-1578880

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 1 of 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 allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶	NONE			

**Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of 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
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶	NONE	

<b>Part III</b> Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions )	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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 I 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	1	X
<b>2</b> 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 )		
<b>a</b> Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	X
<b>b</b> Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	X
<b>c</b> Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	X
<b>d</b> Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d	X
<b>e</b> Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	X
<b>3</b> Does the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc ? (See Note below )	3	X
<b>4</b> Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	4	X
<b>Note:</b> Attach a statement to explain how the organization determines that individuals or organizations receiving grants or loans from it in furtherance of its charitable programs "qualify" to receive payments		

<b>Part IV</b> Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 5 of the instructions )						
The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only <b>ONE</b> applicable box )						
<b>5</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)						
<b>6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A school Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V )						
<b>7</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)						
<b>8</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)						
<b>9</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ► _____						
<b>10</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <b>Support Schedule</b> in Part IV-A )						
<b>11a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <b>Support Schedule</b> in Part IV-A )						
<b>11b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A community trust Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the <b>Support Schedule</b> in Part IV-A )						
<b>12</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <b>Support Schedule</b> in Part IV-A )						
<b>13</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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 page 5 of the instructions )						
<table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:75%; text-align:center;">(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)</th> <th style="width:25%; text-align:center;">(b) Line number from above</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td> </tr> </table>	(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above				
(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above					
<b>14</b> <input type="checkbox"/> An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 5 of the 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) 2001	(b) 2000	(c) 1999	(d) 1998	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants See line 28)					
16 Membership fees received	486824	125102	125923	115560	853409
17 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	152311	298438	257625	298661	1007035
18 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	10381	11809	2628	278	25096
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 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					
22 Other income Attach a schedule Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	649516	435349	386176	414499	1885540
24 Line 23 minus line 17	497205	136911	128551	115838	878505
25 Enter 1% of line 23	6495	4353	3862	4145	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					▶ 26a 17570
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 1998 through 2001 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts					▶ 26b 40000
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test Enter line 24, column (e)					▶ 26c 878505
d Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 <u>25096</u> 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b <u>40000</u>					▶ 26d 65096
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					▶ 26e 813409
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					▶ 26f 92.59 %
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 (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____ (1998) _____					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified person"), 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 each year (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____ (1998) _____					
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 1998 through 2001, 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 V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 7 of the instructions )  
 (To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe, if "No," please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement )		
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32	Does the organization maintain the following		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	32d	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement )			
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33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities?	33h	
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement )			
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34a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement	34b	
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 9 of the 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

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred )

		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
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 —	41	
If the amount on line 40 is —      The lobbying nontaxable amount is —			
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 on page 11 of the instructions )

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(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 page 11 of the 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

- a Volunteers
- b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)
- c Media advertisements
- d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public
- e Publications, or published or broadcast statements
- f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
- g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body
- h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
- i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)

Yes	No	Amount

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



## THE ELECTION CENTER

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NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE ACQUIRED	DATE SOLD	COST/ BASIS	BUS. PCT.	CUR 179 BONUS	SPECIAL DEPR ALLOW	PRIOR 179/ BONUS/ SP. DEPR	PRIOR DEC. BAL DEPR	SALVAG /BASIS REDUCT	DEPR BASIS	PRIOR DEPR	METHOD	LIFE	RATE	CURRENT DEPR
FORM 1120																
1	COPIER	5/15/92		886							886	886	200DB HY	7		0
2	TYPEWRITER	10/15/92		129							129	129	200DB HY	7		0
3	FURNITURE	6/29/94		1,500							1,500	1,500	200DB HY	7		0
4	FILING CABINETS	11/15/95		380							380	362	200DB HY	7	04460	18
5	VACUUM CLEANER	11/15/95		104							104	104	200DB HY	5		0
6	DESK	5/08/96		100							100	88	200DB MQ	7	08870	9
7	USED HP III LASERJET PRINT	10/03/96		275							275	275	200DB MQ	5		0
8	COPIER	11/04/96		4,843							4,843	4,843	200DB MQ	5		0
9	OVERHEAD PROJECTOR	11/06/96		500							500	500	200DB MQ	5		0
10	UPS'S	11/30/96		1,198							1,198	1,198	200DB MQ	5		0
11	FAX MACHINE	11/30/96		239							239	239	200DB MQ	5		0
12	REFRIGERATOR & MICROWAVE	8/25/97		730							730	688	200DB HY	5	05760	42
13	TELEPHONE SYSTEM	7/09/97		3,285							3,285	3,095	200DB HY	5	05760	190
14	PUT900/WAR150/SW230	11/14/97		1,280							1,280	1,206	200DB HY	5	05760	74
15	COPIER DUPLEX UNIT	7/09/97		1,100							1,100	1,037	200DB HY	5	05760	63
TOTAL				16,549		0	0	0	0	0	16,549	16,150				396
TOTAL DEPRECIATION				16,549		0	0	0	0	0	16,549	16,150				396
GRAND TOTAL DEPRECIATION				16,549		0	0	0	0	0	16,549	16,150				396

THE ELECTION CENTER  
 FORM 990  
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002  
 SUPPORTING SCHEDULE # 1

PAGE 4, PART V – OFFICERS,  
 DIRECTORS, TRUSTEE AND KEY  
 EMPLOYEES

NAMES AND TITLES	HOURS PER WEEK	COMPENSATION
1 HONORABLE ERNEST HAWKINS, CHAIRMAN VOTER REGISTRAR, SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA 3700 BRANH CENTER ROAD SACRAMENTO, CA 95827	20	0
2 HONORABLE GARY BARTLETT, BOARD MEMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ELECTIONS P.O BOX 2169, RALEIGH, NC 27602-2169	10	0
3. HONORABLE DONETTA DAVIDSON, BOARD MEMBER SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF COLORADO 1560 BROADWAY, SUITE 200 DENVER, CO 8020	10	0
4. HONORABLE JULIE PEARSON, BOARD MEMBER COUNTY AUDITOR PENNINGTON COUNTY, SD 315 ST. JOSEPH STREET RAPID CITY, SD 57701-2892	10	0
5. HONORABLE TOM WILKEY, BOARD MEMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS 6 EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, SUITE 201 ALBANY, NY 12223-1650	10	0
6. R DOUG LEWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE ELECTION CENTER 12543 WESTELLA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77077	50	<u>94,047</u>
		<u>94,047</u>

THE ELECTION CENTER  
EIN # 54-1578880  
FORM 990  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002  
SUPPORTING SCHEDULE # 2

PAGE 6, PART VIII RELATIONSHIP OF  
ACTIVITIES TO EXEMPT PURPOSE

SEE ATTACHED PAGE

# The Election Center

an international service association of election and voter registration officials

12543 Westella, Suite 100 Houston, TX 77077 281-293-0101 FAX 281-293-0453 or 293-8739

Please call us at the main number if you encounter difficulty with either line or E-Mail [electioncent@pdg.net](mailto:electioncent@pdg.net)

## ABOUT THE ELECTION CENTER

The Election Center's purpose is to promote, preserve, and improve democracy. Its members are government employees whose profession it is to serve in voter registration and elections administration, i.e., voter registrars, elections supervisors, elections directors, city clerk/city secretary, county clerk, county recorder, state election director and Secretary of State for each of the individual states, territories, and the District of Columbia.

The Center provides its members a faxcasting service which informs and updates state, city and other elections and voter registration officials regarding legislation, regulations, court decisions, Justice Department rulings which affect the conduct of voter registration or elections administration. Additionally, the Center performs research for such governmental units concerning the similarities and differences in state or local laws, regulations, or practices concerning voter registration and elections administration.

The Center also conducts annual conferences and several regional workshops throughout each year which are designed specifically for government employees engaged in voter registration or elections administration. Each of these programs is designed to improve the methods of operation and efficiency of the affected offices. The result is improved service to voters, the public, the taxpayers and to government.

The Center conducts continuing professional education through its Professional Education Program, a joint effort of the Center and academic institutions for college level instruction for professional growth and development of government officials in the elections and voter registration process. These classes are conducted in several locations throughout each year. The Professional Education Program won an award as the most outstanding continuing education program in America from the National College & University Continuing Education Association.

The Center sponsors an annual Professional Practices contest to get government officials to submit a professional paper on the best of their office programs and practices. Such papers are then duplicated and made available to government officials throughout the U.S. for improving their own operations.

A small professional staff is maintained to develop and administer these programs and to provide research services for members, legislators, local, state and federal elections officials. Research projects can involve in-depth surveys of major issues or specific portions of laws affecting voter registration and elections.

The Center also provides staff services to the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED) for the voting systems program. NASSED is responsible for the voluntary testing, through an independent nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL), of voting systems hardware and software to meet or exceed the Federal Voting Systems Standards as developed by the Federal Election Commission. The program as administered by the Center for NASSED, comprises developing materials for distribution to government officials concerning systems testing, developing and handling the public information about the program, administering the day-to-day needs of the program, and assuring that American jurisdictions get qualified voting systems that will continue the fair, free, honest and accurate elections that are the hallmarks of American democracy. The Center spends considerable time and resources of its own toward this project which improves democracy.



STATEMENT

DUE TO AN UNUSUALLY HEAVY WORK LOAD AND UNFORESEEN PERSONNEL PROBLEMS, THE TAXPAYERS' TAX RETURN PREPARER HAS BEEN UNABLE TO COMPILE ALL OF THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO TIMELY FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TAX RETURN. THE TAX RETURN PREPARER HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED BY FAR MORE TAX RETURNS THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY PROJECTED AND AS A RESULT THERE HAVE NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO PREPARE ALL TAX RETURNS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

EXTENSION APPROVED

AUG 27 2003

LINDA WEISKOPF, FIELD DIRECTOR,  
SUBMISSION PROCESSING, OGDEN

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return

• If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box

• If you are filing for an Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form)

Note: Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time** — Only submit original (no copies needed)

Note: Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension — check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns Partnerships, REMICs and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041

Type or print  File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization <b>THE ELECTION CENTER</b>	Employer identification number <b>54-1578880</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a PO box, see instructions <b>12543 WESTELLA, SUITE # 100</b>	
	City, town or post office state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions <b>HOUSTON, TEXAS 77077</b>	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

- |  |  |                                    |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box  If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-month, for 990-T corporation) extension of time until AUGUST 15, 2003, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for

▶  calendar year 2002 or

▶  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0

b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0

c Balance Due Subtract line 3b from line 3a Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00

### Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature ▶ [Handwritten Signature] Title ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date ▶ 5/15/03

• If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box  **Note: Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1)

**Part II Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time — Must File Original and One Copy.**

Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization <b>THE ELECTION CENTER</b>	Employer identification number <b>54-1578880</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a PO box, see instructions <b>12543 WESTELLA, SUITE # 100</b>	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions <b>HOUSTON, TEXAS 77077</b>	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return)

Form 990     Form 990-EZ     Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust)     Form 1041-A     Form 5227     Form 8870

Form 990-BL     Form 990-PF     Form 990-T (trust other than above)     Form 4720     Form 6069

**STOP: Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

• If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the **whole group**, check this box  If it is for **part of the group**, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until NOVEMBER 17, 2003

5 For calendar year 2002, or other tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension SEE ATTACHED.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions \$ 0.00

b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868 \$ 0.00

c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 8b from line 8a Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions \$ 0.00

**Signature and Verification**

Under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined this form including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature *Alan Charles Weiner CPA* Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date 08/15/2003

**Notice to Applicant — To Be Completed by the IRS**

We have approved this application Please attach this form to the organization's return

We have not approved this application However, we have granted a 10-day grace period from the later of the date shown below or the due date of the organization's return (including any prior extensions) This grace period is considered to be a valid extension of time for elections otherwise required to be made on a timely return Please attach this form to the organization's return

We have not approved this application After considering the reasons stated in item 7, we cannot grant your request for an extension of time to file We are not granting a 10-day grace period

We cannot consider this application because it was filed after the due date of the return for which an extension was requested

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTENSION APPROVED**

**AUG 27 2003**

Director \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Mailing Address** — Enter the address if you want the copy of this application for an additional 3-month extension returned to an address different than the one entered above

Type or print	Name <b>ALAN CHARLES WEINER, P.C.</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>AUG 19 2003</b>  <b>OGDEN, UT</b> </div>
	Number and street (include suite, room, or apt. no.) Or a P.O. box number <b>6200 SAVOY, SUITE # 530</b>	
	City or town, province or state, and country (including postal or ZIP code) <b>HOUSTON, TEXAS 77036</b>	