

**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)

2008

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/01 , **2008, and ending** 09/30 , **2009**

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
 BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 700 N GRANT SUITE 200
 City or town, state or county, and ZIP + 4
 ODESSA, TX 79762

D Employer identification number
 75-2071270

E Telephone number
 432-332-5812

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. Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶

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

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

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file 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 ▶ \$ 43279

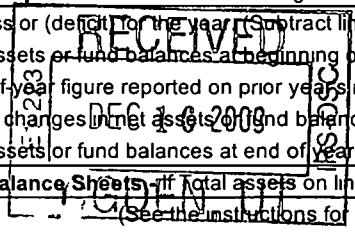
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	990
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)(attach schedule)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	42289
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	11966
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities. (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	30323	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	31313	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	3302
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	14518
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	500
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	12129
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ _____)	16	1074
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	31523
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-210
	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	15395
20	Other changes in net assets and balances (attach explanation)	20		
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	15185	

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. (See the instructions for Part II))

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	1395	1545
23 Land and buildings	14000	14000
24 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		450
25 Total assets	15395	15995
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	0	810
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	15395	15185

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		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 section 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," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a _____		
b	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 unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b _____		
39	Section 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 _____		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
b	Section 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," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e	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.	40e	X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ TX		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ STANTON JOHNSON Telephone no ▶ (432) 550-3065 Located at ▶ 2917 JBS PKWY A 104 ZIP + 4 ▶ 79762		
b	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)?	42b	X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 _____		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 46-49a. 46: Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities... 47: Did the organization engage in lobbying activities... 48: Is the organization operating a school... 49a: Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

50 Complete this table for the 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."

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000, (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. Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000: 1

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000: 0

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: [Blank] Type or print name and title: Odel Crawford - President - Board of Directors

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Preparer's signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 11/20/09 Check if self-employed: [X] Preparer's Identifying Number: P00238115 Firm's name: JOHNSON BUSINESS SERVICE address: 2817 JBS PKWY A104 ODESSA, TX 79762 EIN: 74-6204559 Phone no: (432) 550-3065

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [X] Yes [] No

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number

75-2071270

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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.)(see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is. (Please check only one organization)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**
- 2 A school described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)** (Attach Schedule H)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state.
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)** (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 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 exempt 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. **Section 509(a)(2)** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety **Section 509(a)(4)** (see instructions.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally Integrated d Type III—Other
 - e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
 - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
 - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total Add lines 1-3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public Support (Subtract line 5 from line 4)

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) 12
13 First Five Years: If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f)) 14 %
15 Public Support Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f 15 %
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
18 Private Foundation: If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	600	690	990	590	990	3860
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	20771	13547	18292	36888	29333	118831
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total Add lines 1-5	21371	14237	19282	37478	30323	122691
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						122691

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	21371	14237	19282	37478	30323	122691
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						122691
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	100.000	%
16 Public Support Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16		%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17		%
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18		%

19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 % and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

20 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

FOUR SEPERATE ECVENTS WERE HELD.

INCOME INCLUDES DUES AND INCOME FROM FUND RAISING ONLY.

SUPPORTING STATEMENTS FOR ORGANIZATION
BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
75-2071270
700 N GRANT SUITE 200
ODESSA, TX 79762

**** SCHEDULE of Part I - Other Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AUTO\TRAVEL	1,074
<u>Total Part I - Other Expenses:</u>	<u>1,074</u>

**** SCHEDULE of Part II - Other Assets

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT		450
<u>Total Part I - Other Assets:</u>	<u> </u>	<u>450</u>

**** SCHEDULE of Part II - Other Liabilities

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
PAYROLL TAXES	464	810
<u>Total Part I - Other Liabilities:</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>810</u>