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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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**2018**

Open to Public Inspection

**A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1411 W 190TH STREET 380 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code GARDENA, CA 90248 <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: DOUGLAS G. ERBER SAME AS C ABOVE	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 95-2021853 <b>E</b> Telephone number (310) 965-9050 <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 766,015. <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ WWW.JAS-SOCAL.ORG		
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation: 1959
<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: CA		

**Part I Summary**

	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION THAT BUILDS MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICANS.</b>		
Activities & Governance	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	23
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	23
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	3
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	100
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	0.
	<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 38	<b>7b</b>	0.
Revenue		<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	636,326.	465,709.
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	158,585.	166,004.
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	43,246.	-16,554.
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-80,895.	-124,923.
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	757,262.	490,236.
Expenses			
	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	4,717.	6,689.
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	310,165.	310,115.
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 37,688.		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	386,882.	169,455.
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	701,764.	486,259.
	<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	55,498.	3,977.
Net Assets or Fund Balances		<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	751,917.	764,869.
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	48,462.	57,437.
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	703,455.	707,432.

**Part II Signature Block**

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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer DOUGLAS G. ERBER, PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	Date
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name RENEE ORDENEAX Preparer's signature RENEE ORDENEAX Date 11/15/19 Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN P00733066	Firm's EIN ▶ 94-6214841 Phone no. 310-478-4148
	Firm's name ▶ ARMANINO LLP Firm's address ▶ 11766 WILSHIRE BLVD 9TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90025	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKS TO (1) PROMOTE AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A MORE ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN, THEIR AIMS, CUSTOMS, IDEALS, ARTS AND SCIENCES, INDUSTRIES, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, (2) SERVE THE PEOPLE OF

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [ ] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 20,226. including grants of \$ 6,689. ) (Revenue \$ 30,391. ) 6TH JAPAN BOWL OF CALIFORNIA

NEARLY ONEHALF OF ALL U.S. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDYING JAPANESE LIVE AND STUDY IN CALIFORNIA. TO ENCOURAGE THESE STUDENTS, THE JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CREATED "JAPAN BOWL OF CALIFORNIA". IT IS AN ACADEMIC COMPETITION THAT TESTS THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CALIBER OF CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE STUDYING THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE. THE SIXTH ANNUAL COMPETITION TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 10, 2018 AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

(CONTINUED ON SCH O)

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 19,376. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 25,215. ) THE UNKNOWN HISTORY OF JAPANARMENIA RELATIONS: INTERPRETATION OF THE LEGACY OF EIICHI SHIBUSAWA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

AN EXPLORATION OF THE LEGACY OF VISCOUNT EIICHI SHIBUSAWA AND HIS CRITICAL ROLE IN JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH ARMENIA, AND HOW HIS ADVOCACY INFLUENCED ALL LEVELS OF JAPANESE SOCIETY TO EXTEND AID TO THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE.

VISCOUNT EIICHI SHIBUSAWA (1840 1931) WAS A LEADING FIGURE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPAN'S MODERN SOCIETY. A DYNAMIC FORCE IN THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD, HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE FOUNDING OF SOME 500 ENTERPRISES AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS. (CONTINUED ON SCH O)

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 25,956. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 30,796. ) 2018 JAPAN UPDATE SYMPOSIUM: USJAPAN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND JAPAN'S NATIONAL SECURITY

ENVIRONMENT A PANEL OF EXPERTS PROVIDED THEIR FORECAST ON JAPAN AND USJAPAN BUSINESS, TRADE, SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN 2018.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TOPIC: "IN DEFENSE OF TRADE AND THE U.S.JAPAN ALLIANCE" AMBASSADOR J. THOMAS SCHIEFFER, 28TH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

(CONTINUED ON SCH O)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 330,488. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 79,602.)

4e Total program service expenses 396,046.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> .....	X	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? .....	X	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> .....	X	
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> .....	X	
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> .....		X
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> .....		X
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> .....		X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> .....		X
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> .....		X
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> .....		X
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> .....	X	
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? .....		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> .....	X	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and schedules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax shelter transactions, foreign accounts, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (23), 1b (23), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) GLEN HAMAKAWA CHAIRMAN	4.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(2) MARI MIYOSHI CO-VICE CHAIR	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(3) NORMAN FUTAMI COUNSEL	4.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(4) VIVIEN USUI TREASURER	3.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(5) DOUGLAS MONTGOMERY SECRETARY	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(6) DONALD BAKER DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) FRANK EGUCHI DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) YASUO FUJII DIRECTOR (START 4/18)	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) TERRY HARA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) ICHIRO HIDAKA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) NANCY WOO HIROMOTO DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) KEIJIRO HORA DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) JOHN IINO DIRECTOR (UNTIL 3/18)	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) TETSUYA ISHIDA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) HITOSHI ISHIKAWA DIRECTOR (UNTIL 3/18)	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) HIROKAZU KURIHARA DIRECTOR (UNTIL 3/18)	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) GRACIELA MEIBAR DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	



**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) KENICHIRO MIZOGUCHI DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(19) KIICHI NAKAJIMA DIRECTOR (START 3/18)	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(20) HIDEKI NAKASHIRO DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(21) BRIAN PECK DIRECTOR (UNTIL 3/18)	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(22) EDWARD PERRON DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(23) JOSEPH PORTILLO DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(24) STEPHEN RICKERT DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(25) MATTHEW SANDERS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(26) YUKIO SHINOZAKI DIRECTOR (START 3/18)	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....							0.	0.	0.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							124,150.	0.	26,595.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							124,150.	0.	26,595.	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....		X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....	X	
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> .....		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

<b>Part VII</b> Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees <i>(continued)</i>										
(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(27) MARK SULLIVAN DIRECTOR (UNTIL 3/18)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(28) YUKUO TAKENAKA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(29) TOSHIKI UENO DIRECTOR (UNTIL 4/18)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(30) DOUGLAS G. ERBER PRESIDENT	60.00			X				124,150.	0.	26,595.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c .....								124,150.		26,595.

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>	96,195.			
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>	305,390.			
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>	60,924.			
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	<b>1f</b>	3,200.			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ .....		27,874.			
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		465,709.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> JAPAN-AMERICA CULTURAL .....	<b>Business Code</b>	900099	166,004.	166,004.	
	<b>b</b> .....					
	<b>c</b> .....					
	<b>d</b> .....					
	<b>e</b> .....					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .....					
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....		166,004.			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....		42.		42.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....					
	<b>5</b> Royalties .....					
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents .....	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses .....				
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) .....				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....					
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....	(i) Securities		21,152.		
		(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....		37,748.		
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) .....		-16,596.		
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....		-16,596.		-16,596.	
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 305,390. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....	<b>a</b>		113,108.		
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>	238,031.		
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....			-124,923.		-124,923.	
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....					
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold .....	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>11 a</b> .....						
	<b>b</b> .....					
	<b>c</b> .....					
	<b>d</b> All other revenue .....					
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions .....		490,236.	166,004.	0.	-141,477.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ...	6,689.	6,689.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 .....				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 .....				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members .....				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees .....	150,745.	120,596.	15,075.	15,074.
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages .....	121,816.	97,453.	12,182.	12,181.
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits .....	18,889.	15,111.	1,889.	1,889.
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes .....	18,665.	14,932.	1,867.	1,866.
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management .....				
<b>b</b> Legal .....				
<b>c</b> Accounting .....	2,716.		2,716.	
<b>d</b> Lobbying .....				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees .....	672.		672.	
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion .....				
<b>13</b> Office expenses .....	14,770.	11,815.	1,478.	1,477.
<b>14</b> Information technology .....	6,887.		6,887.	
<b>15</b> Royalties .....				
<b>16</b> Occupancy .....	33,215.	26,572.	3,322.	3,321.
<b>17</b> Travel .....	2,289.	1,831.	229.	229.
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings .....	4,205.	3,364.	421.	420.
<b>20</b> Interest .....				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates .....	3,500.	3,150.	350.	
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization .....	3,138.	2,510.	314.	314.
<b>23</b> Insurance .....	9,168.	7,334.	917.	917.
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> PROGRAM EXPENSES	84,689.	84,689.		
<b>b</b> BANK FEES	4,206.		4,206.	
<b>c</b> _____				
<b>d</b> _____				
<b>e</b> All other expenses _____				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	486,259.	396,046.	52,525.	37,688.
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	300.	<b>1</b>	300.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	475,853.	<b>2</b>	491,482.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	345.	<b>4</b>	0.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	5,653.	<b>9</b>	6,543.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 84,455.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 84,129.		
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	254,985.	<b>11</b>	260,413.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	11,318.	<b>15</b>	5,805.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	751,917.	<b>16</b>	764,869.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	37,579.	<b>17</b>	36,369.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	10,883.	<b>19</b>	21,068.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	48,462.	<b>26</b>	57,437.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	25,387.	<b>27</b>	-15,539.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	678,068.	<b>28</b>	0.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>	722,971.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	703,455.	<b>33</b>	707,432.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	751,917.	<b>34</b>	764,869.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	490,236.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	486,259.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	3,977.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	703,455.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0.
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	707,432.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? \_\_\_\_\_  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? \_\_\_\_\_  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? \_\_\_\_\_  
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? \_\_\_\_\_
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>		X
<b>2b</b>		X
<b>2c</b>		
<b>3a</b>		X
<b>3b</b>		

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA	Employer identification number 95-2021853
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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: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  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. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12  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 in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations .....
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	718,129.	796,413.	417,882.	629,601.	465,709.	3,027,734.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	718,129.	796,413.	417,882.	629,601.	465,709.	3,027,734.
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						219,136.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2,808,598.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....	718,129.	796,413.	417,882.	629,601.	465,709.	3,027,734.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....	38,596.	4,941.	9,220.	43,246.	42.	96,045.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....	90,170.	120,589.	128,701.	113,964.	113,108.	566,532.
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						3,690,311.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	696,925.
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	<b>14</b>	76.11 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	<b>15</b>	75.43 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2018.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2017.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2018.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2017.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions .....		<input type="checkbox"/>



**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> 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 .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ..... ►

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2018 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2018.** 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% support tests - 2017.** 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 Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
<b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
<b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

- 1  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI.) **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		(A) Prior Year	Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2018

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2018	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required- explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018			
<b>a</b> From 2013			
<b>b</b> From 2014			
<b>c</b> From 2015			
<b>d</b> From 2016			
<b>e</b> From 2017			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2018. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2019.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2014			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2015			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2016			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2017			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2018			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2018



# Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

# 2018

Name of the organization

JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA

Employer identification number

95-2021853

Organization type (check one):

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 60,924.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 59,640.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 46,400.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 41,200.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 41,200.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 40,600.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)



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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 34,971.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 21,226.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 18,600.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 18,400.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 12,260.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
2	SEE STATEMENT 1 _____ _____ _____	\$ 4,640.	09/10/18
5	4 ROUND-TRIP BUSINESS CLASS TICKETS FROM L.A. TO TOKYO OR ONE DESTINATION IN ASIA _____ _____	\$ 40,000.	09/10/18
6	4 ROUND-TRIP BUSINESS CLASS TICKETS FROM L.A. OR SAN DIEGO TO JAPAN (TOKYO OR OSAKA) OR ASIA _____ _____	\$ 40,000.	09/10/18
10	4 PREMIERE SEATS TO A L.A. CLIPPERS GAME ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY IN 2018 + 4 PREMIER SEATS TO A L.A. KINGS GAME ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY IN 2018 _____ _____	\$ 1,200.	09/10/18
11	4 TICKETS TO A L.A. DODGERS VS. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES GAME ON 5/31/18 _____ _____	\$ 160.	05/16/18
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

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STATEMENT 1

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1 SET OF 4 NITTO TIRES FOR A PASSENGER CAR OR LIGHT TRUCK; 4 TICKETS TO L.A. DODGERS VS. SAN DEIGO PADRES ON 9/22/18 WITH 4 DUGOUT CLUB SEATS, 4 PRE-GAME FIELD PASSES & 1 PREFERRED PARKING PASS

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990.

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2018 Open to Public Inspection

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two yes/no questions about donor property and grant fund usage.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Form with multiple questions (1-9) regarding conservation easements, including checkboxes for various purposes, a table for held easements at the end of the tax year, and yes/no questions about monitoring and reporting.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form with questions (1a, 1b, 2) regarding reporting of art and historical treasures, including checkboxes and dollar amount fields.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a  Public exhibition
  - b  Scholarly research
  - c  Preservation for future generations
  - d  Loan or exchange programs
  - e  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |                                 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 1f     |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	525,993.	463,216.	431,546.	376,215.	337,013.
b Contributions	27,150.	20,105.	22,188.	51,006.	28,427.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-16,583.	43,217.	9,864.	4,729.	11,248.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	672.	545.	382.	404.	473.
g End of year balance	535,888.	525,993.	463,216.	431,546.	376,215.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- b Permanent endowment  100.00 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		84,455.	84,129.	326.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				326.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives .....		
(2) Closely-held equity interests .....		
(3) Other .....		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		<b>5</b>

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		<b>5</b>

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART V, LINE 4:

THE JASSC ENDOWMENT FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TO BENEFIT THE NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE PRINCIPAL IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND SHALL BE HELD AND INVESTED WITH ALL INCOME GENERATED USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUND GUIDELINES AS DETERMINED BY THE FUND'S TRUSTEES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.





**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		ANNIVERSARY DINNER (event type)	GOLF CLASSIC (event type)	1 (total number)	
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts .....	253,500.	153,498.	11,500.	418,498.
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions .....	191,941.	110,409.	3,040.	305,390.
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....	61,559.	43,089.	8,460.	113,108.
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes .....		555.		555.
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes .....	60,426.	62,958.		123,384.
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs .....		9,800.		9,800.
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages .....	34,077.	7,630.	8,820.	50,527.
	<b>8</b> Entertainment .....	1,000.			1,000.
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses .....	34,346.	18,187.	232.	52,765.
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....				238,031.
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) .....				-124,923.	

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		<b>1</b> Gross revenue .....			
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs .....				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses .....				
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) .....					
<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) .....					

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No

**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_





**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.**

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**2018**

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Name of the organization JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA Employer identification number 95-2021853

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section (if applicable)	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of noncash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
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**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 1.

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table  

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2018)

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

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**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

**Compensation Information**

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees  
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.  
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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization: JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA  
 Employer identification number: 95-2021853

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain .....

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a? .....

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? .....
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? .....
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? .....
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? .....
- b** Any related organization? .....
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? .....

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		X
<b>4b</b>		X
<b>4c</b>		X
<b>5a</b>		X
<b>5b</b>		X
<b>6a</b>		X
<b>6b</b>		X
<b>7</b>		X
<b>8</b>		X
<b>9</b>		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2018

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note:** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) DOUGLAS G. ERBER PRESIDENT	(i)	124,150.	0.	0.	0.	26,595.	150,745.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Name of the organization **JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA** Employer identification number **95-2021853**

**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art	X	1	1,500.	FMV
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded				
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles	X	3	950.	ESTIMATE
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (SPORTS & ENTE)	X	18	15,598.	FMV AND ESTIMATE
26 Other (ELECTRONICS)	X	5	3,680.	FMV
27 Other (MERCHANDISE)	X	4	2,885.	FMV
28 Other (LIQUOR/WINE)	X	17	1,811.	FMV

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** 0

- 30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? **30a** X
- b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.
- 31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? **31** X
- 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? **32a** X
- b If "Yes," describe in Part II.
- 33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		X

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2018

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, OTHER TYPES OF PROPERTY:

GIFT CERTIFICATES

(A) CHECK IF APPLICABLE = X

(B) NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS = 6

(C) REVENUE REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART VIII § 1450.

(D) METHOD OF DETERMINING REVENUE: FMV

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**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.

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Employer identification number

95-2021853

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN FOSTERING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

THE TWO NATIONS, (3) SERVE AS AN INFORMATION CENTER IN OBTAINING

INFORMATION RELATING TO JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND

ORGANIZATIONS, (4) SPONSOR MEETINGS OF DISTINGUISHED JAPANESE AND

AMERICANS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS, (5) ASSIST STUDENTS

IN OBTAINING PROPER COUNSELING IN REGARD TO EDUCATIONAL MATTERS, (6)

FOSTER EDUCATION ABOUT JAPAN THROUGH BULLETINS, LECTURES, SPECIAL

COURSES, CONFERENCES, DISCUSSION PANELS, EXHIBITIONS, FILMS AND

SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

THIS UNIQUELY DESIGNED TEAM COMPETITION EVALUATES NOT ONLY THE

STUDENTS' PROFICIENCY OF THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE, BUT ALSO THEIR

KNOWLEDGE ABOUT JAPAN, AS A COUNTRY. THE COMPETITION FORMAT MODELS

POPULAR QUIZ SHOWS SUCH AS, "IT'S ACADEMIC".

JAPAN BOWL RECOGNIZES THE STUDENTS' EFFORTS TO STUDY SUCH A COMPLEX

LANGUAGE AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO ENHANCE THEIR JAPANESE LANGUAGE SKILLS

EVEN FURTHER EACH YEAR. TEAMS COMPETE AT THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS

DEPENDING ON HOW LONG THEY HAVE STUDIED JAPANESE. THE CHALLENGING AND

EXCITING ATMOSPHERE CREATED AT JAPAN BOWL ALLOWS STUDENTS OF ALL LEVELS

TO SHOWCASE THEIR JAPANESE LANGUAGE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE. STUDENTS ALSO

HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH NEW LANGUAGE PARTNERS FROM

ALL OVER CALIFORNIA WHO HAVE A SIMILAR INTEREST IN JAPAN AND THE

JAPANESE LANGUAGE.

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2018)

Name of the organization JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA	Employer identification number 95-2021853
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JAPAN BOWL WAS HELD ON MARCH 10, 2018 AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

EQUALLY DEDICATED TO SOCIAL AND PUBLIC WELFARE, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN  
THE FOUNDING OF SOME 600 ORGANIZATIONS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION,  
AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE. HE WAS ALSO INFLUENTIAL IN PRIVATE SECTOR  
DIPLOMACY. DETERMINED TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL AND PRIVATE INITIATIVES,  
EIICHI SHIBUSAWA WAS A CHAMPION OF CIVIL SOCIETY FROM THE LATE  
NINETEENTH CENTURY THROUGH THE EARLY DECADES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

LESSER KNOWN IS THE STORY OF HIS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE ARMENIAN RELIEF  
COMMITTEE OF JAPAN, ESTABLISHED IN 1922.

SPEAKERS:

KEN SHIBUSAWA, GREAT GRANDSON OF EIICHI SHIBUSAWA AND CEO OF SHIBUSAWA  
AND COMPANY, INC.

VICKEN BABKENIAN, INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR  
HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES.

THIS PROGRAM AND NETWORKING RECEPTION WAS HELD ON MARCH 28, 2018 AT  
VERTIGO EVENT VENUE IN GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PANEL SPEAKERS:

LT. GENERAL KOICHIRO BANSHO, JGSDF (RET.), COMMANDING GENERAL, JAPAN

GROUND SELFDEFENSE FORCE AND SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE MAURBENI CORPORATION

Name of the organization JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SO. CALIFORNIA	Employer identification number 95-2021853
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SENIOR ADVISER FOR ASIAN ECONOMICS, CENTER FOR STRATEGIC &

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KEIO UNIVERSITY AND ADJUNCT FELLOW, THE JAPAN INSTITUTE OF

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

2011 JAPAN RELIEF FUND

THE 2011 JAPAN RELIEF FUND (2011 JRF), IS A DISASTER RELIEF AND

RECOVERY FUND DEDICATED TO AID VICTIMS OF THE GREAT EAST JAPAN

EARTHQUAKE, TSUNAMI AND NUCLEAR DIASTER.

THE 2011 JRF WAS CREATED BY THE JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA (JASSC) ON MARCH 11, 2011. JASSC ALSO ESTABLISHED A 2011 JRF

COMMITTEE, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUND'S ADMINISTRATION AND THE

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VETTING OF POTENTIAL RELIEF RECIPIENTS.

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE 2011 JRF, JASSC HAS HELD 22 SEPARATE EVENTS

TO RAISE AWARENESS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

100% OF ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO RECOGNIZED

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN. THESE JAPANESE NONPROFITS ALL HAVE

PROVEN TRACK RECORDS AND EXPERIENCE WITH HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND

LONGTERM RECOVERY OF NATURAL DISASTER REGIONS.

JASSC ABSORBS ALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OVERHEAD COSTS OF THE 2011

JRF, AS WELL AS THE PROCESSING AND DOCUMENTATION OF ALL DONATIONS.

THROUGH 2018, JASSC SENT \$1,344,250 IN TRANCHES TO NONPROFIT RELIEF AND

RECOVERY ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN.

HITACHI JAPANESE KITE WORKSHOPS

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2001, EVERY FALL SEMESTER, THE JAPAN AMERICA

SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (JASSC) ORGANIZES AND COORDINATES ITS

"HITACHI JAPANESE KITE WORKSHOPS" FOR UNDERSERVED SCHOOLCHILDREN IN THE

GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION. JASSC DEEPLY APPRECIATES THE ONGOING,

STRONG SUPPORT FROM HITACHI, LTD., THE WORKSHOPS' PRESENTING SPONSOR

AND THE SUPPORT OF THE ARATANI FOUNDATION.

THE WORKSHOPS ARE CONDUCTED BY JAPANESE KITE MASTER MIKIO TOKI. THESE

ARE "HANDSON," INCLASSROOM EXPERIENCES THAT INTRODUCE JAPAN AND

JAPANESE CULTURE THROUGH THE BUILDING OF A SMALL, TRADITIONAL JAPANESE

KITES MADE OF BAMBOO AND WASHI (JAPANESE PAPER).

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IN 2018, MORE THAN 1,100 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BENEFITED FROM

WORKSHOPS. THE STUDENTS ALL ATTEND "TITLE I" SCHOOLS (SCHOOLS

DESIGNATED AS SERVING LOWTOMODERATE INCOME REGIONS).

TO DATE, MORE THAN 15,000 UNDERSERVED STUDENTS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS

PROGRAM. THROUGH THE HITACHI JAPANESE KITE WORKSHOPS, SCHOOLCHILDREN

WITH THE GREATEST NEED ARE PROVIDED A POSITIVE INTRODUCTION TO THE

JAPANESE CULTURE. THE WORKSHOPS ALSO HELP DEVELOP EACH CHILD'S

CREATIVITY AND PROMOTE AN "I CAN DO IT!" ATTITUDE AFTER THEY

SUCCESSFULLY BUILD AND FLY THEIR FIRST KITE. FURTHERMORE, THE WORKSHOPS

HAVE A PROFOUND AND LASTING INFLUENCE; TEACHERS REPORT THAT DURING

ENDOFSCHOOLYEAR REVIEWS, A MAJORITY OF STUDENTS CITE THE HITACHI

JAPANESE KITE WORKSHOP AS THEIR FAVORITE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE

YEAR!

THE HITACHI JAPANESE KITE WORKSHOPS TOOK PLACE FROM OCTOBER 19 26,

2018.

5TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNTS CONFERENCE

THE JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAUNCHED THE "WOMEN'S

LEADERSHIP COUNTS" INITIATIVE (WLCI) IN 2014. THIS FIRSTOFITSKIND

INITIATIVE PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS ON BOTH SIDES OF

THE PACIFIC TO ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND

COMMUNITY LEADERS, THE WLCI CREATES A NETWORK THAT INSPIRES ACTION AND

MOVES THE NEEDLE ON WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP. IT ALSO PROVIDES UNPARALLELED

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH CURRENT AND FUTURE LEADERS.



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THE 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE THEME WAS, "IMPACT LEADERSHIP IN THE NEW  
NORMAL VUCA WORLD".

ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED IN THE 1990S BY THE US ARMY WAR COLLEGE TO  
DESCRIBE A NEW WORLD OF MILITARY ENGAGEMENT, VUCA IS AN ACRONYM FOR  
VOLATILITY, UNCERTAINTY, COMPLEXITY AND AMBIGUITY.

THE VUCA CONCEPT ALSO RESONATES WITH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF EXECUTIVES  
WHO ARE FACING THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING CHALLENGES BROUGHT ON BY  
POLITICS, ECONOMICS, SOCIETY AND TECHNOLOGY. WHAT THIS ENVIRONMENT  
REQUIRES IS TRULY STRATEGIC LEADERS BOTH WOMEN AND MEN WHO CAN ADAPT TO  
CHANGING CONDITIONS AND NAVIGATE THIS UNCHARTED TERRAIN TO BE  
EFFECTIVE. TO MAXIMIZE GLOBAL AND DIVERSE TALENT, LEADERS MUST BE  
INNOVATIVE, COLLABORATIVE, DECISIVE, ADAPTIVE AND CREATIVE. OUR  
SPEAKERS WILL SHARE THEIR SUCCESS STORIES AND CHALLENGES TO SURVIVE AND  
THRIVE IN A VUCA WORLD.

THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED A KEYNOTE SPEAKER, A PANEL DISCUSSION AND  
INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE SPEAKERS AND AUDIENCE. A  
NETWORKING RECEPTION PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH SPEAKERS  
AND ATTENDEES FROM A BROAD RANGE OF INDUSTRIES. ATTENDEES INCLUDED  
CURRENT AND FUTURE CORPORATE, BUSINESS, ACADEMIC, NONPROFIT AND  
ENTREPRENEURIAL FEMALE AND MALE LEADERS WHO VALUE THE U.S. JAPAN  
COLLABORATION AND WHO WISHED TO EXPAND THEIR NETWORKS.

THE CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2018 AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL  
L.A. CENTURY CITY AT BEVERLY HILLS.

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EXPENSES \$ 330,488. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 79,602.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY'S OFFICE MANAGER WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE OUTSIDE

ACCOUNTING FIRM WHICH PREPARES THE RETURN. THE PRESIDENT REVIEWS A DRAFT

OF THE FINAL RETURN. THEN A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

OF DIRECTORS FOR ITS REVIEW. AFTER REVIEW, THE PRESIDENT OF THE

ORGANIZATION SIGNS THE RETURN AND THEN IT IS FILED WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD IS CHARGED WITH MONITORING PROPOSED OR

ONGOING TRANSACTIONS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND ADDRESSING ANY POTENTIAL

OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS.

PURSUANT TO THE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY, EACH YEAR, EVERY MEMBER OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EACH OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IS REQUIRED

TO DISCLOSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ANY KNOWN CONFLICT, AND TO SIGN AN

ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT HE OR SHE UNDERSTANDS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.

THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ANY

PERSONS WITH ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE INFORMED VIA WRITTEN

COMMUNICATION. IF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT DOES ARISE:

1. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES AND DETERMINES IF THERE IS A CONFLICT.

2. IN THE EVENT OF A FINDING OF A CONFLICT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE

AUDIT COMMITTEE SHALL INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVES TO THE CONFLICT TRANSACTION,

AND REPORT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DETERMINE, AFTER REASONABLE INVESTIGATION

OF THE MATERIAL FACTS AND WITHOUT THE VOTE OF APPLICABLE PERSON INVOLVED IN

THE CONFLICT, WHETHER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CONFLICT TRANSACTION IS FAIR

AND REASONABLE AS TO THE ORGANIZATION, CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

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THE APPLICABLE PERSON INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT WILL BE ENTITLED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BUT CANNOT BE PRESENT AT THE DELIBERATIONS OR VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ONLY UPON A FAVORABLE DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL THE CONFLICT TRANSACTION BE DEEMED APPROVED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A:

THE JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE, ACTING AS THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, IS COMPRISED SOLELY OF INDEPENDENT, UNCOMPENSATED DIRECTORS, NONE OF WHOM HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHICH IT HAS OVERSIGHT, HAS BEEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE BOARD TO PROPOSE REASONABLE COMPENSATION PACKAGES FOR THE PRESIDENT. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DEVELOPS, CONSISTENT WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES, THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND CRITERIA TO BE USED IN DETERMINING MERIT INCREASES AND VARIABLE COMPENSATION CRITERIA. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWS, ANALYZES AND PROVIDES BENCHMARKING DATA FOR THE TOTAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS PACKAGES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES. APPROPRIATE COMPARABILITY DATA IS OBTAINED FOR TOTAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS PAID BY SIMILARLY SITUATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITIES. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. KEY DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE CONTEMPORANEOUSLY DOCUMENTED IN MINUTES. DOCUMENTAION INCLUDES: THE TERMS OF THE DELIBERATIONS, MEMBERS PRESENT AND THOSE WHO VOTED ON IT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPARABILITY DATA RELIED UPON AND HOW IT WAS OBTAINED AND DATE APPROVED. JASSC'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ONLY MEETS WHEN THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PRESIDENT). THERE WAS NO INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR JASSC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PRESIDENT) IN 2017.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

WHILE FEDERAL TAX LAWS DO NOT MANDATE THAT THE JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S (JASSC) GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTIONS,  
THE JASSC MAKES ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE EACH YEAR AT ITS ANNUAL  
MEMBERS MEETING AND UPON REQUEST.