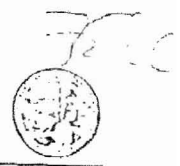
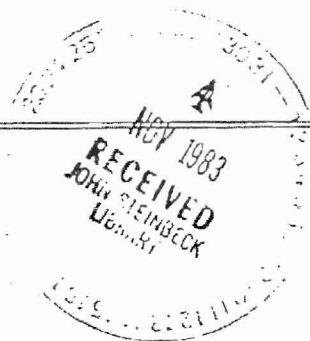


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110 W. San Luis Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

Purpose : Charitable  
Form of Organization : Corporation  
Accounting Period Ending: June 30  
Organization Number :

On the basis of the information submitted and provided your present operations continue unchanged or conform to those proposed in your application, you are exempt from state franchise or income tax under Section 23701d, Revenue and Taxation Code. Any change in operation, character or purpose of the organization must be reported immediately to this office so that we may determine the effect on your exempt status. Any change of name or address also must be reported.

You are required to file Form 199 (Exempt Organization Annual Information Return) or Form 199B (Exempt Organization Annual Information Statement) on or before the 15th day of the 5th month (4 1/2 months) after the close of your accounting period. See annual instructions with forms for requirements.

You are not required to file state franchise or income tax returns unless you have income subject to the unrelated business income tax under Section 23731 of the Code. In this event, you are required to file Form 109 (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return) by the 15th day of the 5th month (4 1/2 months) after the close of your annual accounting period.

If the organization is incorporating, this approval will expire unless incorporation is completed with the Secretary of State within 60 days.

Exemption from federal income or other taxes and other state taxes requires separate applications.

D. Hazeid, Supervisor  
Exempt Audit Unit  
Telephone (800) 852-7050

cc: Secretary of State  
Registrar of Charitable Trusts