

INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE

Independent Auditor's Report
and Financial Statements

Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Independent Institute

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Independent Institute, a California nonprofit corporation (the Organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Independent Institute as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Walnut Creek, California
February 28, 2020

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 973,204	\$ 733,570
Contributions receivable, net	530,000	588,273
Accounts receivable	28,030	12,951
Inventory	198,495	196,554
Investments	6,193,467	6,123,723
Prepaid expenses	484,062	37,263
Total current assets	8,407,258	7,692,334
Contributions receivable, net of current portion	-	501,642
Property and equipment, net	66,730	62,511
Total assets	\$ 8,473,988	\$ 8,256,487
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 102,794	\$ 31,417
Accrued expenses	91,499	53,739
Total current liabilities	194,293	85,156
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	5,704,299	5,468,243
With donor restrictions	2,575,396	2,703,088
Total net assets	8,279,695	8,171,331
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 8,473,988	\$ 8,256,487

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND SUPPORT			
Book sales and subscriptions	\$ 112,980	\$ -	\$ 112,980
Contributions and grants	2,634,998	1,354,557	3,989,555
Royalties	10,461	-	10,461
Conferences and other	76,326	-	76,326
Net investment return	266,821	-	266,821
Net assets released from restrictions	1,482,249	(1,482,249)	-
Total revenues, gains and support	4,583,835	(127,692)	4,456,143
EXPENSES			
Program services			
Sparking Entrepreneurship & Innovation	710,684	-	710,684
Defending Civil Liberties	567,985	-	567,985
Disseminating Ideas	1,250,251	-	1,250,251
Educating the Next Generation	1,168,758	-	1,168,758
Total program services	3,697,678	-	3,697,678
Supporting services			
General and administrative	234,453	-	234,453
Fundraising	415,648	-	415,648
Total expenses	4,347,779	-	4,347,779
Change in net assets	236,056	(127,692)	108,364
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of year	5,468,243	2,703,088	8,171,331
End of year	\$ 5,704,299	\$ 2,575,396	\$ 8,279,695

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND SUPPORT			
Book sales and subscriptions	\$ 108,666	\$ -	\$ 108,666
Contributions and grants	2,441,495	729,347	3,170,842
Royalties	5,250	-	5,250
Conferences and other	10,500	-	10,500
Net investment return	224,298	-	224,298
Net assets released from restrictions	1,151,716	(1,151,716)	-
Total revenues, gains and support	3,941,925	(422,369)	3,519,556
EXPENSES			
Program services			
Sparking Entrepreneurship & Innovation	781,999	-	781,999
Defending Civil Liberties	509,747	-	509,747
Disseminating Ideas	1,238,406	-	1,238,406
Educating the Next Generation	653,105	-	653,105
Total program services	3,183,257	-	3,183,257
Supporting services			
General and administrative	169,436	-	169,436
Fundraising	293,803	-	293,803
Total expenses	3,646,496	-	3,646,496
Change in net assets	295,429	(422,369)	(126,940)
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of year	5,172,814	3,125,457	8,298,271
End of year	\$ 5,468,243	\$ 2,703,088	\$ 8,171,331

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STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

	Sparking Entrepreneur- Innovation	Defending Civil Liberties	Disseminating Ideas	Educating the Next Generation	Total program services	General and administrative	Fundraising	Total
2019								
Salaries and wages	\$ 387,246	\$ 272,567	\$ 261,279	\$ 279,557	\$ 1,200,649	\$ 147,102	\$ 182,372	\$ 1,530,123
Professional services	59,948	34,472	177,302	237,229	508,951	4,675	78,857	592,483
Advertising	12,550	44,328	302,128	494,737	853,743	29	100	853,872
Author honoraria and book preparation	127,897	91,027	220,177	37,038	476,139	93	546	476,778
Payroll taxes and benefits	58,069	40,855	39,248	42,002	180,174	22,034	27,607	229,815
Printing and postage	12,901	10,221	170,159	13,213	206,494	4,629	77,412	288,535
Travel and meetings	13,958	11,739	47,230	28,481	101,408	2,449	15,502	119,359
Office and supplies	20,629	13,960	20,910	12,853	68,352	43,586	25,028	136,966
Occupancy	14,550	46,750	9,834	10,524	81,658	8,742	6,843	97,243
Scholarships	-	-	-	11,000	11,000	-	-	11,000
Depreciation	2,936	2,066	1,984	2,124	9,110	1,114	1,381	11,605
Total expenses	\$ 710,684	\$ 567,985	\$ 1,250,251	\$ 1,168,758	\$ 3,697,678	\$ 234,453	\$ 415,648	\$ 4,347,779
2018								
Salaries and wages	\$ 295,408	\$ 231,322	\$ 416,699	\$ 162,175	\$ 1,105,604	\$ 83,564	\$ 155,038	\$ 1,344,206
Professional services	97,589	62,703	95,078	376,881	632,251	41,065	38,068	711,384
Advertising	143,065	112,360	163,974	1,954	421,353	433	804	422,590
Author honoraria and book preparation	117,693	11,900	141,099	44,967	315,659	-	242	315,901
Payroll taxes and benefits	50,436	30,915	72,299	28,139	181,789	14,499	26,900	223,188
Printing and postage	20,363	6,473	139,145	6,165	172,146	3,664	34,779	210,589
Travel and meetings	25,091	3,265	130,405	6,691	165,452	3,657	11,274	180,383
Office and supplies	18,933	10,572	60,466	6,646	96,617	18,695	19,540	134,852
Occupancy	10,913	38,700	15,645	6,088	71,346	3,137	5,820	80,303
Scholarships	-	-	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	12,000
Depreciation	2,508	1,537	3,596	1,399	9,040	722	1,338	11,100
Total expenses	\$ 781,999	\$ 509,747	\$ 1,238,406	\$ 653,105	\$ 3,183,257	\$ 169,436	\$ 293,803	\$ 3,646,496

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 108,364	\$ (126,940)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used for operating activities:		
Depreciation	11,604	11,100
Net unrealized gain on investments	167,189	(56,244)
Net realized loss on investments	(214,705)	(4,847)
Donated securities included in support	(605,138)	(234,162)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Contributions receivable	559,915	422,655
Accounts receivable	(15,079)	(4,881)
Inventory	(1,941)	(8,678)
Prepaid expenses	(446,799)	12,067
Accounts payable	71,377	(30,223)
Accrued expenses	37,760	5,804
	<u>(327,453)</u>	<u>(14,349)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property and equipment	(15,823)	(5,608)
Purchases of investments	(820,077)	(1,004,680)
Proceeds from sales of investments	1,402,987	893,563
	<u>567,087</u>	<u>(116,725)</u>
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		
	<u>239,634</u>	<u>(131,074)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	<u>239,634</u>	<u>(131,074)</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Beginning of year	<u>733,570</u>	<u>864,644</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 973,204</u>	<u>\$ 733,570</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Independent Institute, Inc. (Organization) is a non-profit corporation founded in 1986. The Organization's purpose is to sponsor comprehensive studies, which deal with critical social and economic issues. These studies, adhering to the highest standard of independent inquiry, are disseminated through books and other publications and are publicly debated through numerous conference and media programs.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation – The accompanying financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The net assets, revenues, gains and losses, expenses and other changes in the accompanying financial statements are classified based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions. Accordingly, for reporting purposes, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Represent net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and are available to support the Organization's operations. This includes certain amounts designated by the board for specified uses.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Represent contributions that are limited in use by the Organization in accordance with donor-imposed stipulations. These stipulations may expire with time or may be satisfied and removed by actions of the Organization according to the terms of the contribution. Upon satisfaction of such stipulations, the associated net assets are released from net assets with donor restrictions and recognized as net assets without donor restrictions. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where by the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. There are no net assets with perpetual donor restrictions at June 30, 2019 and 2018.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Equivalents – The Organization considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Periodically, such deposits may exceed the federally insured limits.

Accounts receivable – Accounts receivable consists of book and publication sales. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to an allowance for doubtful accounts based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Investments – The Organization has reported investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair market values and all investments in debt securities at their fair market values in the statement of financial position. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the statement of activities. Investment income and gains restricted by a donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions are met (either by passage of time or by use) in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

Inventory – Inventory is carried at the lower of cost or market and consists primarily of printed publications and books. Inventory is valued using the average cost method. Shipping and handling expenses have been included in costs of sales. Other publication-related costs are classified as author honoraria and book preparation costs.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property and Equipment – Purchased land, buildings and equipment are recorded at cost and donated property and equipment are recorded at the fair value at the date of the contribution. Management has established a capitalization threshold of \$1,000 per item with useful lives greater than one year. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. When property and equipment are sold or otherwise disposed of, the asset account and related accumulated depreciation account are relieved, and any gain or loss is included in operations. Depreciation of property and equipment is determined using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives, which ranges from 3 to 33 years.

Revenue Recognition – Book sales and publications are recognized when publications are shipped to customers.

Contributions and contributions receivable – Contributions receivable are recognized when the donor makes an unconditional promise to give to the Organization. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to an allowance for doubtful accounts based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on assets and liabilities are reported as increase or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor restriction or by law.

Gifts in kind – The Organization received a donation of a gift in kind for free advertising services through Google AdWords. Gifts in kind received as donations are valued at fair value and are recorded as unrestricted contributions as well as expense in the period received. The Organization received \$399,050 and \$398,518 of gifts in kind during the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Functional allocation of expenses – The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Direct expenses have been allocated accordingly, and certain costs have been allocated among the program services and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis based on time and effort of personnel within the Organization.

Endowment Funds – The Organization maintains a quasi-endowment fund as a component of board-designated net assets without donor restrictions. Quasi-endowment funds are invested in publicly traded securities with the other investments held. The Organization's policy is to spend 5% of the annual value of endowment funds on current programs, which can be modified at any time by the Board of Directors.

Reclassifications – Certain prior year balances have been reclassified to conform with current year financial statement presentation. Reclassifications had no impact on prior year change in net assets nor total net assets.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

New accounting pronouncements – In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) – *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. The update addresses the complexity and understandability of net asset classification, deficiencies in information about liquidity and availability of resources, and the lack of consistency in the type of information provided about expenses and investment return. The Organization has adjusted the presentation of these statements accordingly. The ASU has been applied retrospectively to all periods presented.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. An entity also should disclose sufficient quantitative and qualitative information to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The Organization has not yet completed its assessment of the impact of the new standard on its financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842). ASU 2016-02 requires the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases under ASC Topic 840. Under the guidance of ASU 2016-02, a lessee should recognize in the balance sheet a liability to make lease payments (lease liability) and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. The Organization has not yet completed its assessment of the impact of the new standard on its financial statements.

3. AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at June 30, 2019 and 2018:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 973,204	\$ 733,570
Contributions receivable, current	530,000	588,273
Accounts receivable	28,030	12,951
Investments	<u>6,193,467</u>	<u>6,123,723</u>
	7,724,701	7,458,517
Less amounts not available to be used within one year		
Quasi-endowment established by the Board	<u>(931,576)</u>	<u>(940,650)</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 6,793,125</u>	<u>\$ 6,517,867</u>

The Organization's goal is generally to maintain financial assets to meet 180 days of operating expenses (approximately \$2.5 million). As part of its liquidity plan, the Board has designated net assets to support current programs of the Organization as determined by the Board (see Note 7).

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4. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable are stated as unpaid balances, less an allowance for doubtful accounts. Contributions receivable at June 30, 2019 are due within one year.

Contributions receivable consist of the following at June 30, 2018:

	Due within one year	Due one to five years	Total
Contributions receivable	\$ 588,273	\$ 510,000	\$ 1,098,273
Unamortized discount	-	(8,358)	(8,358)
	\$ 588,273	\$ 501,642	\$ 1,089,915

5. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of the following at June 30:

	2019		2018	
	Fair value	Cost	Fair value	Cost
Mutual funds	\$ 4,992,140	\$ 5,008,204	\$ 4,951,060	\$ 4,837,782
Exchange-traded funds	1,201,327	1,156,486	1,172,663	1,181,222
	\$ 6,193,467	\$ 6,164,690	\$ 6,123,723	\$ 6,019,004

Net investment return has been classified as increases in net assets without donor restrictions and was comprised of the following for the years ended June 30:

	2019	2018
Interest and dividends	\$ 219,305	\$ 163,207
Realized gain on investments	214,705	4,847
Change in unrealized gain on investments	(167,189)	56,244
	\$ 266,821	\$ 224,298

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6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following at June 30:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Equipment	\$ 90,743	\$ 79,298
Furniture	20,965	18,383
Library	27,446	27,446
Leasehold improvements	<u>60,765</u>	<u>58,969</u>
	199,919	184,096
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(133,189)</u>	<u>(121,585)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 66,730</u>	<u>\$ 62,511</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$11,604 and \$11,100, respectively.

7. BOARD DESIGNATED QUASI-ENDOWMENT

The Board has designated certain unrestricted net assets for the Organization's quasi-endowment fund. The quasi-endowment fund is used to support current programs of the Organization as determined by the Board. Funds are invested and have been designated as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 940,650	\$ 935,147
Investment income	36,551	54,512
Disbursements	<u>(45,625)</u>	<u>(49,009)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 931,576</u>	<u>\$ 940,650</u>

8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurement). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2019 and 2018:

Exchange-traded funds: Exchange-traded equity securities are generally valued based on quoted prices from the exchange. To the extent these securities are actively traded, valuation adjustments are not applied. Listed fund units are generally marked to the exchange-traded price, while listed fund units if not actively traded and unlisted fund units are generally marked to Net Asset Value ("NAV").

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares, based on quoted market prices, held by the Organization at year-end.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Organization management believes its valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's assets at fair value as of June 30:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
<u>2019</u>				
Mutual funds	\$ 4,992,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,992,140
Exchange-traded funds	<u>1,201,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,201,327</u>
	<u>\$ 6,193,467</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,193,467</u>
<u>2018</u>				
Mutual funds	\$ 4,951,060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,951,060
Exchange-traded funds	<u>1,172,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172,663</u>
	<u>\$ 6,123,723</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,123,723</u>

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9. INCOME TAXES

The Organization was granted tax-exempt status other than a private foundation as provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) in a determination letter dated September 23, 1986. As a result, the Organization is exempt from paying income taxes, except with respect to income unrelated to its tax exempt purpose. At June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, the Organization does not have any unrelated business income, and thus no provision for income taxes has been reflected in these financial statements.

The Organization has analyzed tax positions taken for filings with the Internal Revenue Service and all state jurisdictions where it operates. The Organization believes that income tax filing positions will be sustained upon examination and does not anticipate any adjustments that would result in a material adverse affect on the Organization's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Accordingly, the Organization has not recorded any reserves or related accruals for interest and penalties for uncertain income tax positions at June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The Organization's policy is to classify income tax related interest and penalties in interest expense and other expenses, respectively.

As of June 30, 2019, periods subsequent to 2015 are subject to audit by various taxing authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

10. COMMITMENTS

The Organization leases office and warehouse space at its headquarters in Oakland, California, under terms of a lease dated July 1, 2015, on a monthly basis. The Organization also has copier and office equipment leases.

The future lease obligations under all long term leases is as follows as June 30, 2019:

2020		63,895
2021		19,795
2022		17,079
2023		15,139
2024		10,093
		126,001
		\$ 126,001

Rent expense totaled \$97,307 and \$80,303 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

11. NET ASSETS

Net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, are as follows:

	2019	2018
Specific Purpose		
Sparking Entrepreneurship and Innovation	\$ 809,783	\$ 809,606
Defending Civil Liberties	726,329	246,615
Disseminating Ideas	95,500	15,000
Educating the Next Generation	476,517	651,458
Passage of Time		
Contribution receivable	467,267	980,409
	\$ 2,575,396	\$ 2,703,088

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11. NET ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Net assets released from net assets with donor restrictions for the years ended June 30, are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions		
Sparking Entrepreneurship and Innovation	\$ 244,323	\$ 40,064
Defending Civil Liberties	140,286	113,771
Disseminating Ideas	91,600	363,874
Educating the Next Generation	706,040	334,007
Passage of Time		
Contribution receivable	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
	<u>\$ 1,482,249</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,716</u>

12. RELATED PARTIES

In the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, the Organization received contributions from various Board Members of the Organization totaling \$187,647, and \$203,024, respectively. The Organization also received contributions from foundations controlled by Board Members totaling \$450,000 and \$368,000, in the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The Organization leases its office location in Oakland disclosed in Note 9 above from an entity wholly owned by the Senior Vice President and Board Member of the Organization. Total rent paid under the lease was \$44,100 and \$42,000 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Organization's management has reviewed the results of operations for the period of time from its year ended June 30, 2019 through February 28, 2020, the date these financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that no adjustments are necessary to the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements nor have any subsequent events have occurred, the nature of which would require disclosure.