

**Take Back Santa Cruz
PO Box 7028
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-7028
EIN: 27-3740018**

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PART IV Narrative Description of Your Activities

This organization formed in 2010 as a grass roots organization operating on 100% volunteer service and support. The filing for formal exemption wasn't made earlier due to a lack of funding and low to absent donations. In 2013 the organization has made an effort in soliciting donations to further the programs offered to the community. The organizations objective is to bring awareness and educate the community of the City of Santa Cruz and combine their efforts in keeping the City safe from gangs, drugs and abusive behavior. The focus area is directed to the City of Santa Cruz and no other community.

This organization began after the brutal murder of a 16 year old boy on the streets of Santa Cruz. The citizens needed an outlet to focus their energies towards a change in the community. We provide Positive Loitering events where the community will gather in an area of the city that needs positive light to shine. These events provide a catalyst to raise awareness of the issues and start the discussion on solutions and community involvement needed to foster change in a troubled area.

The objectives are supported by creating awareness through social networking and the public media as well as literature circulated during organized events. Awareness is also obtained by organizing neighborhood forums centered around community safety issues in the city. The goal is to educate the community as to how they can be involved in a positive change and provide tools to meet the objective one person at a time.

We organize volunteer work groups focusing on solving community safety issues in the City of Santa Cruz. All groups are 100% volunteer. These work groups evolve as situations change in the community but they are focused on research and advocating solutions based on best practices found in other communities, Environmental stewardship and neighborhood clean-ups, promoting safe and diverse family friendly activities, supporting law enforcement and their activities.

There are no paid employees, all work is completed by volunteers. In the past, the organization was funded by in-kind contributions. Most recently there has been increased support in the form of donations by community members.

PART V – 2a – Related Parties

Analia Lesnowicz and Heather Babcock are directors of the organization and are sisters.

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PART V – 5b and c – Conflict of Interest Policy

We have not adopted a conflict of interest policy only because we were not aware of the possible requirement within our original bylaws for this application. At this point we do not have the funds for any compensation or large business deals. For any future need, we would require authorization from the full board to set compensation or business dealings that would be considered a conflict of interest.

PART VI – 1a and b – Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations that receive benefits from you.

The Board decides what projects to support within the community. The majority of the time this support comes in the form of volunteer services when the need arises. The community areas that receive this support are within the City limits. A very minimal amount of support comes in the form of funding. An example of past need was assisting a community member with a legal battle related to neighborhood safety issues. Other funding to organizations comes through very specific and direct fundraising request to the community for the benefit of organizations which have been identified by the board. There are no goods provided to the community other than the sale of shirts for which the proceeds go back into the funding of the programs.

In the future we hope to raise funds toward the implementation of a camera program where a community member can express a need we could deliver the device to encourage safety in an area. We also plan on providing self defense classes to interested community members in conjunction with participating organizations.

PART VIII – Your Specific Activities

In the past we have not actively asked for donations for the organization. The only donation request is inactively made on our website. We do receive donations from individuals outside of the website but these donations are not usually solicited. We have solicited funds for the direct benefit of other organizations in the community. These funds were largely for the benefit of the Sergeant Baker and Butler Memorial Fund (fallen police officers) and the Police Pizza Fund (to show appreciation towards our officers).

In the future we hope to expand our fundraising efforts within these same categories of personal and website donations.