

Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Read the instructions for each Part carefully.

A User Fee must be attached to this application.

If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to you.

Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.

Part I Identification of Applicant

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| 1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) EKTA | 2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 3 of the Specific Instructions .) 91-2143894 |
| 1b c/o Name (if applicable) | 3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed Raj Barot ([REDACTED]) |
| 1c Address (number and street) P.O. Box 2302 | Room/Suite |
| 1d City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 3. Berkeley, CA 94702-0302 | 4 Month the annual accounting period ends December |
| 1e Web site address http://ekta.org | 5 Date incorporated or formed July 16, 2001 |
| 7 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," attach an explanation. | 6 Check here if applying under section: a <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) b <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) c <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) d <input type="checkbox"/> 501(m) |
| 8 Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the Specific Instructions). Gross receipts less than \$25,000 per year. | 9 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed. |

10 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See **Specific Instructions** for Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) See also Pub. 557 for examples of organizational documents.)

a **Corporation**—Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include a copy of the bylaws.

b **Trust**— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.

c **Association**— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here **Raj Barot, Member, Board of Directors** **10/30/02**
 (Signature) (Type or print name and title or authority of signer) (Date)

Part II Activities and Operational Information

- 1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. **Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document.** List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

A. Organizing public programs that promote the work of South Asian visual and performing artists; and educate the community on cultural, social and economic issues facing the South Asian community.

Ekta has showcased the work of emerging and established South Asian artists in dance, theater, performance, visual arts, literature, music, film, and video through innovative community based programming. Ekta has also screened a number of documentary films, hosted exhibitions, and organized panels and lectures by academic scholars, artists, social activists and other leading cultural figures. While our programs focus on South Asia and the diaspora, all of our programs are open to the public and are generally free or at cost. This activity occupies approximately 70% of our organization's time. For further information on past programs, invited artists and speakers; and film screenings, refer to Attachments F, G, H and L.

B. Supporting charitable relief and sustainable development initiatives in South Asia through 501c3 nonprofit organizations.

Ekta attempts whenever possible to raise funds for charitable organizations engaged in providing relief, rehabilitation, and sustainable development assistance to people affected by natural disasters, violence and poverty in South Asia. Ekta typically works with other 501c3 non-profit organizations with expertise in the field of relief, rehabilitation, and sustainable development assistance when disbursing funds to charitable organizations in South Asia. This activity occupies approximately 10% of our organization's time. For further information on past fundraisers for charitable nonprofit organizations, refer to Attachment I.

Refer to Attachment C for continuation.

- 2 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size.

Contributions from the general public and income from performance of exempt purposes and activities.

- 3 Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include details of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

We request contributions at all of our public programs and on our website. In the future, we plan to include additional support from various public and private sources, such as governmental agencies, private foundations, and other publicly supported organizations.

Part II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

4 Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.

b Annual compensation
N/A

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Raj Barot, [REDACTED], Chairperson

Surveen Singh, [REDACTED], Secretary

Sayed Ashar Ahmed, [REDACTED], Treasurer

Rajika Bhandari, [REDACTED]

Kashif Maqsood, [REDACTED]

Anita Vasa, [REDACTED]

c Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials? Yes No
If "Yes," name those persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

d Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See **Specific Instructions** for Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.) Yes No
If "Yes," explain.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization? Yes No
Is the organization the outgrowth of (or successor to) another organization, or does it have a special relationship with another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors? Yes No
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," explain.

6 Does or will the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following transactions with any political organization or other exempt organization (other than a 501(c)(3) organization): (a) grants; (b) purchases or sales of assets; (c) rental of facilities or equipment; (d) loans or loan guarantees; (e) reimbursement arrangements; (f) performance of services, membership, or fundraising solicitations; or (g) sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists or other assets, or paid employees? Yes No
If "Yes," explain fully and identify the other organizations involved.

7 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization? Yes No
If "Yes," explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been submitted.

Part II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If none, indicate "N/A."

N/A

9 Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years? Yes No

10a Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement? Yes No

b Is the organization a party to any leases? Yes No
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.

11 Is the organization a membership organization? Yes No
If "Yes," complete the following:

a Describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

b Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.

c What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?

12a If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them? N/A Yes No
If "Yes," explain how the charges are determined and attach a copy of the current fee schedule.

b Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals? N/A Yes No
If "Yes," explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

13 Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation? Yes No
If "Yes," explain. Also, give an estimate of the percentage of the organization's time and funds that it devotes or plans to devote to this activity.

14 Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements? Yes No
If "Yes," explain fully.

Part III Technical Requirements

1 Are you filing Form 1023 within 15 months from the end of the month in which your organization was created or formed? Yes No
If you answer "Yes," do not answer questions on lines 2 through 6 below.

2 If one of the exceptions to the 15-month filing requirement shown below applies, check the appropriate box and proceed to question 7.

Exceptions—You are not required to file an exemption application within 15 months if the organization:

- a Is a church, interchurch organization of local units of a church, a convention or association of churches, or an integrated auxiliary of a church. See **Specific Instructions**, Line 2a, on page 4;
- b Is not a private foundation and normally has gross receipts of not more than \$5,000 in each tax year; or
- c Is a subordinate organization covered by a group exemption letter, but only if the parent or supervisory organization timely submitted a notice covering the subordinate.

3 If the organization does not meet any of the exceptions on line 2 above, are you filing Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed? Yes No

If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 6.

If "No," answer question 4.

4 If you answer "No" to question 3, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3? Yes No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 3. See **Specific Instructions**, Part III, Line 4, before completing this item. Do not answer questions 5 and 6.

If "No," answer questions 5 and 6.

5 If you answer "No" to question 4, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed. Therefore, do you want us to consider the application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(3) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed? Yes No

6 If you answer "Yes" to question 5 above and wish to request recognition of section 501(c)(4) status for the period beginning with the date the organization was formed and ending with the date the Form 1023 application was received (the effective date of the organization's section 501(c)(3) status), check here and attach a completed page 1 of Form 1024 to this application.

Part III Technical Requirements (Continued)

- 7 Is the organization a private foundation?
 Yes (Answer question 8.)
 No (Answer question 9 and proceed as instructed.)

- 8 If you answer "Yes" to question 7, does the organization claim to be a private operating foundation?
 Yes (Complete Schedule E.)
 No

After answering question 8 on this line, go to line 14 on page 7.

- 9 If you answer "No" to question 7, indicate the public charity classification the organization is requesting by checking the box below that most appropriately applies:

THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT QUALIFIES:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| a | <input type="checkbox"/> As a church or a convention or association of churches (CHURCHES MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE A.) | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) |
| b | <input type="checkbox"/> As a school (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE B.) | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) |
| c | <input type="checkbox"/> As a hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital (These organizations, except for hospital service organizations, MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE C.) | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) |
| d | <input type="checkbox"/> As a governmental unit described in section 170(c)(1). | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v) |
| e | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated solely for the benefit of, or in connection with, one or more of the organizations described in a through d, g, h, or i (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE D.) | Section 509(a)(3) |
| f | <input type="checkbox"/> As being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety. | Section 509(a)(4) |
| g | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit. | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) |
| h | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As receiving a substantial part of its support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public. | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v) |
| i | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions). | Section 509(a)(2) |
| j | <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is a publicly supported organization but is not sure whether it meets the public support test of h or i. The organization would like the IRS to decide the proper classification. | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or Section 509(a)(2) |

If you checked one of the boxes a through f in question 9, go to question 14. If you checked box g in question 9, go to questions 11 and 12. If you checked box h, i, or j, in question 9, go to question 10.

Part III Technical Requirements (Continued)

- 10** If you checked box **h**, **i**, or **j** in question 9, has the organization completed a tax year of at least 8 months?
 Yes—Indicate whether you are requesting:
 A definitive ruling. (Answer questions 11 through 14.)
 An advance ruling. (Answer questions 11 and 14 and attach two Forms 872-C completed and signed.)
 No—You must request an advance ruling by completing and signing two Forms 872-C and attaching them to the Form 1023.
- 11** If the organization received any unusual grants during any of the tax years shown in Part IV-A, **Statement of Revenue and Expenses**, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor; the date and the amount of the grant; and a brief description of the nature of the grant.

N/A

- 12** If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) or (vi), check here and:

a Enter 2% of line 8, column (e), Total, of Part IV-A 117.45
b Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or "publicly supported" organization) whose total gifts, grants, contributions, etc., were more than the amount entered on line 12a above. N/A

- 13** If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 509(a)(2), check here and:

a For each of the years included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each "disqualified person." (For a definition of "disqualified person," see **Specific Instructions**, Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.) N/A
b For each of the years included on line 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer (other than a "disqualified person") whose payments to the organization were more than \$5,000. For this purpose, "payer" includes, but is not limited to, any organization described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) through (vi) and any governmental agency or bureau. N/A

| 14 Indicate if your organization is one of the following. If so, complete the required schedule. (Submit only those schedules that apply to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.) | Yes | No | If "Yes," complete Schedule: |
|--|-----|----|------------------------------|
| Is the organization a church? | | X | A |
| Is the organization, or any part of it, a school? | | X | B |
| Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or medical research organization? | | X | C |
| Is the organization a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization? | | X | D |
| Is the organization a private operating foundation? | | X | E |
| Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged or handicapped? | | X | F |
| Is the organization, or any part of it, a child care organization? | | X | G |
| Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.? | | X | H |
| Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution? | | X | I |

Part IV Financial Data

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses

| | Current tax year | 3 prior tax years or proposed budget for 2 years | | | (e) TOTAL |
|--|---------------------------|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (a) From 1/02 to 10/21/02 | (b) 2001 | (c) 2000 | (d) | |
| 1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (not including unusual grants—see page 6 of the instructions) | 4940.90 | 665.00 | 266.45 | | 5872.35 |
| 2 Membership fees received | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 3 Gross investment income (see instructions for definition) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 4 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 5 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or spent on behalf of the organization | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 7 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets) (attach schedule) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 8 Total (add lines 1 through 7) | 4940.90 | 665.00 | 266.45 | | 5872.35 |
| 9 Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513. Include related cost of sales on line 22 | 5308.33 | 8616.45 | 0.00 | | 13924.78 |
| 10 Total (add lines 8 and 9) | 10249.23 | 9281.45 | 261.45 | | 19792.13 |
| 11 Gain or loss from sale of capital assets (attach schedule) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 12 Unusual grants | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 13 Total revenue (add lines 10 through 12) | 10249.23 | 9281.45 | 261.45 | | 19792.13 |
| 14 Fundraising expenses | 1420.12 | 3859.48 | 0.00 | | 5279.60 |
| 15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) | 6795.91 | 3582.00 | 0.00 | | 10377.91 |
| 16 Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 18 Other salaries and wages | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 19 Interest | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 21 Depreciation and depletion | 1031.29 | 1668.40 | 0.00 | | 2699.69 |
| 22 Other (attach schedule) | | | | | |
| 23 Total expenses (add lines 14 through 22) | 9247.32 | 9109.88 | 0.00 | | 18357.20 |
| 24 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 13 minus line 23) | 1001.91 | 171.57 | 261.45 | | 1434.93 |

Part IV Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)

Current tax year
Date 10/21/02

| Assets | | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|
| 1 | Cash | 1434.93 |
| 2 | Accounts receivable, net | 0.00 |
| 3 | Inventories | 0.00 |
| 4 | Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 5 | Corporate stocks (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 6 | Mortgage loans (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 7 | Other investments (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 8 | Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 9 | Land | 0.00 |
| 10 | Other assets (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 11 | Total assets (add lines 1 through 10) | 1434.93 |
| Liabilities | | |
| 12 | Accounts payable | 0.00 |
| 13 | Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable | 0.00 |
| 14 | Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 15 | Other liabilities (attach schedule) | 0.00 |
| 16 | Total liabilities (add lines 12 through 15) | 0.00 |
| Fund Balances or Net Assets | | |
| 17 | Total fund balances or net assets | 1434.93 |
| 18 | Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets (add line 16 and line 17) | 1434.93 |

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

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State of California



SECRETARY OF STATE

I, *BILL JONES*, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the attached transcript of 2 page(s) has been compared with the record on file in this office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of

JUL 26 2001

Bill Jones

Secretary of State



ENDORSED - FILED
in the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
EKTA
A CALIFORNIA PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION**

JUL 16 2001

BILL JONES, Secretary of State

ONE: The name of this corporation is Ekta.

TWO: This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable and public purposes. The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are

1. to provide social and educational services to the South Asian community.
2. to support social development projects in South Asia and elsewhere.
3. to support the artistic endeavors of South Asians in the literary, musical, performing and visual arts
4. to collaborate with other non-profit organizations for providing wider support.
5. to promote awareness of social, political and economic issues in South Asia and elsewhere
6. to promote cultural programming on South Asia and the South Asian diapora.

THREE: The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is

Raj Barot



FOUR: (a) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

FIVE: The names and addresses of the persons appointed to act as the initial Directors of this corporation are:

Raj Barot, [REDACTED]
Anita Vasa, [REDACTED]

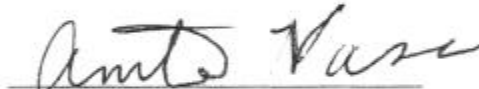
SIX: The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

On the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have made and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation at Berkeley, California on July 12, 2001.



Raj Barot



Anita Vasa

We declare that we are the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation which execution is our act and deed.



Raj Barot



Anita Vasa



**BYLAWS
OF
EKTA
A CALIFORNIA PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE 1
OFFICES**

SECTION 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation for the transaction of its business is located in Alameda County, California.

SECTION 2. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The county of the corporation's principal office can be changed only by amendment of these Bylaws and not otherwise. The Board of Directors may, however, change the principal office from one location to another within the named county by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes of address shall not be deemed an amendment of these Bylaws:

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

SECTION 3. OTHER OFFICES

The corporation may also have offices at such other places, within or without the State of California, where it is qualified to do business, as its business may require and as the board of directors may, from time to time, designate.

**ARTICLE 2
PURPOSES**

SECTION 1. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

- (a) to promote and support the work of South Asian artists in dance, theater, performance, visual arts, literature, music, film, and video;
- (b) to educate and promote dialogue on critical social and economic issues facing the South Asian community;
- (c) to support charitable relief and sustainable development projects in South Asia;

- (d) to organize public programs and special events to support any or all of the above objectives and purposes; and
- (e) to collaborate with other non-profit organizations for providing wider support.

ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NUMBER

The corporation shall have not less than six (6) nor more than ten (10) directors, with the exact number to be fixed within these limits by approval of the Board of Directors or the members, if any, in the manner provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. POWERS

Subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation law and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws relating to action required or permitted to be taken or approved by the members, if any, of this corporation, the activities and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the directors to:

- (a) Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by these Bylaws;
- (b) Appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the corporation;
- (c) Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the corporation to assure that their duties are performed properly;
- (d) Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;
- (e) Register their addresses with the Secretary of the corporation and notices of meetings mailed or emailed to them at such addresses shall be valid notices thereof.

SECTION 4. TERMS OF OFFICE

Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting for election of the Board of Directors as specified in these Bylaws, and until his or her successor is elected and qualifies.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION

Directors shall serve without compensation. However, they shall be allowed reasonable advancement or reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties as specified in Section 3 of this Article. Directors may not be compensated for rendering services to the corporation in any capacity other than director unless such other compensation is reasonable and is allowable under the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.

SECTION 6. RESTRICTION REGARDING INTERESTED DIRECTORS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, not more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the persons serving on the board may be interested persons. For purposes of this Section, "interested persons" means either:

- (a) Any person currently being compensated by the corporation for services rendered it within the previous twelve (12) months, whether as a full- or part-time officer or other employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a director as director; or
- (b) Any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such person.

SECTION 7. PLACE OF MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation unless otherwise provided by the board or at such place within or without the State of California which has been designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such designation, any meeting not held at the principal office of the corporation shall be valid only if held on the written consent of all directors given either before or after the meeting and filed with the Secretary of the corporation or after all board members have been given written notice of the meeting as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the board.

Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, or other communications equipment. Participation in a meeting through use of conference telephone constitutes presence in person at that meeting so long as all directors participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Participation in a meeting through use of electronic video screen communication or other communications equipment (other than conference telephone) constitutes presence in person at that meeting if all of the following apply:

- a). Each director participating in the meeting can communicate with all of the other directors concurrently;
- b) Each director is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the corporation;
- c) The corporation adopts and implements some means of verifying 1) that all persons participating in the meeting are directors of the corporation or are otherwise entitled to

participate in the meeting, and 2) that all actions of, or votes by, the board are taken and cast only by directors and not by persons who are not directors.

SECTION 8. REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

Regular meetings of Directors shall be held on the third Sunday of each month at 11 AM, unless such day falls on a legal holiday, in which event the regular meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the next business day.

If this corporation makes no provision for members, then, at the annual meeting of directors held on the third Sunday of January, directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with this section. Cumulative voting by directors for the election of directors shall not be permitted. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of directors to be elected shall be elected. Each director shall cast one vote, with voting being by ballot only.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairperson of the board, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, or by any two directors, and such meetings shall be held at the place, within or without the State of California, designated by the person or persons calling the meeting, and in the absence of such designation, at the principal office of the corporation.

SECTION 10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the board may be held without notice. Special meetings of the board shall be held upon four (4) days' notice by first-class mail or forty-eight (48) hours' notice delivered personally or by telephone or telegraph. If sent by mail or telegraph, the notice shall be deemed to be delivered on its deposit in the mails or on its delivery to the telegraph company. Such notices shall be addressed to each director at his or her address as shown on the books of the corporation. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent directors if the time and place of the adjourned meeting are fixed at the meeting adjourned and if such adjourned meeting is held no more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting. Notice shall be given of any adjourned regular or special meeting to directors absent from the original meeting if the adjourned meeting is held more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting.

SECTION 11. CONTENTS OF NOTICE

Notice of meetings not herein dispensed with shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting. The purpose of any board meeting need not be specified in the notice.

SECTION 12. WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT TO HOLDING MEETINGS

The transactions of any meeting of the board, however called and noticed or wherever held, are as valid as though the meeting had been duly held after proper call and notice, provided a

quorum, as hereinafter defined, is present and provided that either before or after the meeting each director not present signs a waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents, or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

SECTION 13. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by law, no business shall be considered by the board at any meeting at which a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is not present, and the only motion which the Chair shall entertain at such meeting is a motion to adjourn. However, a majority of the directors present at such meeting may adjourn from time to time until the time fixed for the next regular meeting of the board.

When a meeting is adjourned for lack of a quorum, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at such meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, except as provided in Section 10 of this Article.

The directors present at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to do business notwithstanding the loss of a quorum at the meeting due to a withdrawal of directors from the meeting, provided that any action thereafter taken must be approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting or such greater percentage as may be required by law, or the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this corporation.

SECTION 14. MAJORITY ACTION AS BOARD ACTION

Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board of Directors, unless the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this corporation, or provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, particularly those provisions relating to appointment of committees (Section 5212), approval of contracts or transactions in which a director has a material financial interest (Section 5233) and indemnification of directors (Section 5238e), require a greater percentage or different voting rules for approval of a matter by the board.

SECTION 15. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Board, or, if no such person has been so designated or, in his or her absence, the President of the corporation or, in his or her absence, by the Vice President of the corporation or, in the absence of each of these persons, by a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the directors present at the meeting. The Secretary of the corporation shall act as secretary of all meetings of the board, provided that, in

his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the Meeting.

Meetings shall be governed by "Consensus Process", as such rules may be revised from time to time, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, with the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or with provisions of law.

SECTION 16. ACTION BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. For the purposes of this Section only, "all members of the board" shall not include any "interested director" as defined in Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to so act, and such statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

SECTION 17. VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist (1) on the death, resignation or removal of any director, and (2) whenever the number of authorized directors is increased.

The Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court, or convicted of a felony, or been found by a final order or judgment of any court to have breached any duty under Section 5230 and following of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

If this corporation has any members, then, if the corporation has less than fifty (50) members, directors may be removed without cause by a majority of all members, or, if the corporation has fifty (50) or more members, by vote of a majority of the votes represented at a membership meeting at which a quorum is present.

If this corporation has no members, directors may be removed without cause by a majority of the directors then in office.

Any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Board, the President, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. No director may resign if the corporation would then be left without a duly elected director or directors in charge of its affairs, except upon notice to the Attorney General.

Vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the board or, if the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, by (1) the unanimous written consent of the directors then in

office, (2) the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office at a meeting held pursuant to notice or waivers of notice complying with this Article of these Bylaws, or (3) a sole remaining director. If this corporation has members, however, vacancies created by the removal of a director may be filled only by the approval of the members. The members, if any, of this corporation may elect a director at any time to fill any vacancy not filled by the directors.

A person elected to fill a vacancy as provided by this Section shall hold office until the next annual election of the Board of Directors or until his or her death, resignation or removal from office.

SECTION 18. NON-LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

The directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation.

SECTION 19. INDEMNIFICATION BY CORPORATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AGENTS

To the extent that a person who is, or was, a director, officer, employee or other agent of this corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative proceeding brought to procure a judgment against such person by reason of the fact that he or she is, or was, an agent of the corporation, or has been successful in defense of any claim, issue or matter, therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such proceeding.

If such person either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment against him or her, then indemnification against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts reasonably incurred in connection with such proceedings shall be provided by this corporation but only to the extent allowed by, and in accordance with the requirements of, Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

SECTION 20. INSURANCE FOR CORPORATE AGENTS

The Board of Directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation (including a director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation) against any liability other than for violating provisions of law relating to self-dealing (Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law) asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER OF OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Chief Financial Officer who shall be designated the Treasurer. The corporation may also have, as determined by the Board of Directors, a Chairperson of the Board, one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers, or other officers. Any number of offices may be held by the same person except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve as the President or Chairperson of the Board.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION, ELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE

Any person may serve as officer of this corporation. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3. SUBORDINATE OFFICERS

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem desirable, and such officers shall serve such terms, have such authority, and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board of Directors, at any time. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President or Secretary of the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The above provisions of this Section shall be superseded by any conflicting terms of a contract which has been approved or ratified by the Board of Directors relating to the employment of any officer of the corporation.

SECTION 5. VACANCIES

Any vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, of any officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than that of President, such vacancy may be filled temporarily by appointment by the President until such time as the Board shall fill the vacancy. Vacancies occurring in offices of officers appointed at the discretion of the board may or may not be filled as the board shall determine.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the affairs of the corporation and the activities of the officers. He or she shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Unless

another person is specifically appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Directors, he or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. If applicable, the President shall preside at all meetings of the members. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, he or she shall, in the name of the corporation, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on, the President. The Vice President shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

Certify and keep at the principal office of the corporation the original, or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date.

Keep at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place as the board may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the directors, and, if applicable, meetings of committees of directors and of members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof.

See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.

Be custodian of the records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal is affixed to all duly executed documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is authorized by law or these Bylaws.

Keep at the principal office of the corporation a membership book containing the name and address of each and any members, and, in the case where any membership has been terminated, he or she shall record such fact in the membership book together with the date on which such membership ceased.

Exhibit at all reasonable times to any director of the corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefor, the Bylaws, the membership book, and the minutes of the proceedings of the directors of the corporation.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. DUTIES OF TREASURER

Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws relating to the "Execution of Instruments, Deposits and Funds," the Treasurer shall:

Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the corporation, and deposit all such funds in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

Receive, and give receipt for, monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever.

Disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the corporation as may be directed by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.

Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the corporation's properties and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses.

Exhibit at all reasonable times the books of account and financial records to any director of the corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefor.

Render to the President and directors, whenever requested, an account of any or all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation.

Prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 10. COMPENSATION

The salaries of the officers, if any, shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he or she is also a director of the corporation, provided, however, that such compensation paid a director for serving as an officer of this corporation shall only be allowed if permitted under the provisions of Article 3, Section 6 of these Bylaws. In all cases, any salaries received by officers of this corporation shall be reasonable and given in return for services actually rendered for the corporation which relate to the performance of the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of directors, designate two (2) or more of its members (who may also be serving as officers of this corporation) to constitute an Executive Committee and delegate to such Committee any of the powers and authority of the board in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, except with respect to:

- (a) The approval of any action which, under law or the provisions of these Bylaws, requires the approval of the members or of a majority of all of the members.
- (b) The filling of vacancies on the board or on any committee which has the authority of the board.
- (c) The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the board or on any committee.
- (d) The amendment or repeal of Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws.
- (e) The amendment or repeal or any resolution of the board which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable.
- (f) The appointment of committees of the board or the members thereof.
- (g) The expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected.
- (h) The approval of any transaction to which this corporation is a party and in which one or more of the directors has a material financial interest, except as expressly provided in Section 5233(d)(3) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

By a majority vote of its members then in office, the board may at any time revoke or modify any or all of the authority so delegated, increase or decrease but not below two (2) the number of its members, and fill vacancies therein from the members of the board. The Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings, cause them to be filed with the corporate records, and report the same to the board from time to time as the board may require.

SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES

The corporation shall have such other committees as may from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. Such other committees may consist of persons who are not also members of the board. These additional committees shall act in an advisory capacity only to the board and shall be clearly titled as "advisory" committees.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS AND ACTION OF COMMITTEES

Meetings and action of committees shall be governed by, noticed, held and taken in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws concerning meetings of the Board of Directors, with such changes in the context of such Bylaw provisions as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the

committee. The time for special meetings of committees may also be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of meetings of committees to the extent that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6 EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

SECTION 1. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

SECTION 2. CHECKS AND NOTES

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the corporation shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the corporation.

SECTION 3. DEPOSITS

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION 4. GIFTS

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE 7 CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS

The corporation shall keep at its principal office in the State of California:

(a) Minutes of all meetings of directors, committees of the board and, if this corporation has members, of all meetings of members, indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given, and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof;

(b) Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses;

(c) A record of its members, if any, indicating their names and addresses and, if applicable, the class of membership held by each member and the termination date of any membership;

(d) A copy of the corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by the members, if any, of the corporation at all reasonable times during office hours.

SECTION 2. CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors may adopt, use, and at will alter, a corporate seal. Such seal shall be kept at the principal office of the corporation. Failure to affix the seal to corporate instruments, however, shall not affect the validity of any such instrument.

SECTION 3. DIRECTORS' INSPECTION RIGHTS

Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the corporation.

SECTION 4. MEMBERS' INSPECTION RIGHTS

If this corporation has any members, then each and every member shall have the following inspection rights, for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as a member:

(a) To inspect and copy the record of all members' names, addresses and voting rights, at reasonable times, upon five (5) business days' prior written demand on the corporation, which demand shall state the purpose for which the inspection rights are requested.

(b) To obtain from the Secretary of the corporation, upon written demand and payment of a reasonable charge, an alphabetized list of the names, addresses and voting rights of those members entitled to vote for the election of directors as of the most recent record date for which the list has been compiled or as of the date specified by the member subsequent to the date of demand. The demand shall state the purpose for which the list is requested. The membership list shall be made available on or before the later of ten (10) business days after the demand is received or after the date specified therein as of which the list is to be compiled.

(c) To inspect at any reasonable time the books, records, or minutes of proceedings of the members or of the board or committees of the board, upon written demand on the corporation by the member, for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interests as a member.

SECTION 5. RIGHT TO COPY AND MAKE EXTRACTS

Any inspection under the provisions of this Article may be made in person or by agent or attorney and the right to inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts.

SECTION 6. ANNUAL REPORT

The board shall cause an annual report to be furnished not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of the corporation's fiscal year to all directors of the corporation and, if this corporation has members, to any member who requests it in writing, which report shall contain the following information in appropriate detail:

- (a) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the corporation as of the end of the fiscal year;
- (b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;
- (c) The revenue or receipts of the corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the fiscal year;
- (d) The expenses or disbursements of the corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, during the fiscal year;
- (e) Any information required by Section 7 of this Article.

The annual report shall be accompanied by any report thereon of independent accountants, or, if there is no such report, the certificate of an authorized officer of the corporation that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation.

If this corporation has members, then, if this corporation receives TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000), or more, in gross revenues or receipts during the fiscal year, this corporation shall automatically send the above annual report to all members, in such manner, at such time, and with such contents, including an accompanying report from independent accountants or certification of a corporate officer, as specified by the above provisions of this Section relating to the annual report.

SECTION 7. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS TO MEMBERS

This corporation shall mail or deliver to all directors and any and all members a statement within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of its fiscal year which briefly describes the amount and circumstances of any indemnification or transaction of the following kind:

- (a) Any transaction in which the corporation, or its parent or its subsidiary, was a party, and in which either of the following had a direct or indirect material financial interest:
 - (1) Any director or officer of the corporation, or its parent or subsidiary (a mere common directorship shall not be considered a material financial interest); or

(2) Any holder of more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of the corporation, its parent or its subsidiary.

The above statement need only be provided with respect to a transaction during the previous fiscal year involving more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) or which was one of a number of transactions with the same persons involving, in the aggregate, more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000).

Similarly, the statement need only be provided with respect to indemnifications or advances aggregating more than TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) paid during the previous fiscal year to any director or officer, except that no such statement need be made if such indemnification was approved by the members pursuant to Section 5238(e)(2) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Any statement required by this Section shall briefly describe the names of the interested persons involved in such transactions, stating each person's relationship to the corporation, the nature of such person's interest in the transaction and, where practical, the amount of such interest, provided that in the case of a transaction with a partnership of which such person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated.

If this corporation has any members and provides all members with an annual report according to the provisions of Section 6 of this Article, then such annual report shall include the information required by this Section.

ARTICLE 8 FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR OF THE CORPORATION

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the January 1 and end on the December 31 in each year.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

Subject to any provision of law applicable to the amendment of Bylaws of public benefit nonprofit corporations, these Bylaws, or any of them, may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws adopted as follows:

(a) Subject to the power of members, if any, to change or repeal these Bylaws under Section 5150 of the Corporations Code, by approval of the Board of Directors unless the Bylaw amendment would materially and adversely affect the rights of members, if any, as to voting or transfer, provided, however, if this corporation has admitted any members, then a Bylaw specifying or changing the fixed number of directors of the corporation, the maximum or

minimum number of directors, or changing from a fixed to variable board or vice versa, may not be adopted, amended, or repealed except as provided in subparagraph (b) of this Section; or

(b) By approval of the members, if any, of this corporation.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES BEFORE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Before any members have been admitted to the corporation, any amendment of the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES AFTER ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

After members, if any, have been admitted to the corporation, amendment of the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by the approval of the Board of Directors and by the approval of the members of this corporation.

SECTION 3. CERTAIN AMENDMENTS

Notwithstanding the above sections of this Article, this corporation shall not amend its Articles of Incorporation to alter any statement which appears in the original Articles of Incorporation of the names and addresses of the first directors of this corporation, nor the name and address of its initial agent, except to correct an error in such statement or to delete such statement after the corporation has filed a "Statement by a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation" pursuant to Section 6210 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law.

ARTICLE 11 PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING CORPORATE PROFITS AND ASSETS

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING CORPORATE PROFITS AND ASSETS

No member, director, officer, employee, or other person connected with this corporation, or any private individual, shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the corporation, provided, however, that this provision shall not prevent payment to any such person of reasonable compensation for services performed for the corporation in effecting any of its public or charitable purposes, provided that such compensation is otherwise permitted by these Bylaws and is fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of, and shall not receive, any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. All members, if any, of the corporation shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that on such dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the corporation, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the assets of the corporation, after

all debts have been satisfied, shall be distributed as required by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation and not otherwise.

ARTICLE 12 MEMBERS

SECTION 1. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS

If this corporation makes no provision for members, then, pursuant to Section 5310(b) of the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law of the State of California, any action which would otherwise, under law or the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this corporation, require approval by a majority of all members or approval by the members, shall only require the approval of the Board of Directors.

WRITTEN CONSENT OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, are all of the persons named as directors in the Bylaws of EKTA, a California nonprofit corporation, and, pursuant to the authority granted to the directors by these Bylaws to take action by unanimous written consent without a meeting, consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of 18 pages, as the Bylaws of this corporation.

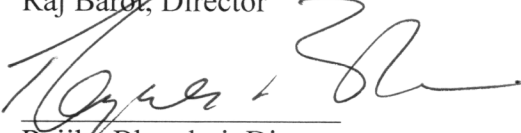
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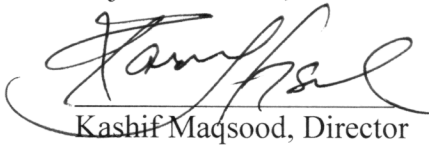
Sayed Ashar Ahmed, Director



Raj Barot, Director




Rajika Bhandari, Director



Kashif Maqsood, Director



Surveen Singh, Director



Anita Vasa, Director

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Bylaws of the corporation named in the title thereto and that such Bylaws were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation on the date set forth below.

Dated: 10/20/02



Surveen Singh, Secretary

Attachment C.
Activities and Operational Information (cont.)
(Part II. Question 1)

C. Providing resources on South Asia and the Diaspora.

Ekta serves as a resource conduit for those interested in learning more about the region of South Asia and its community in the San Francisco Bay area. We often answer questions for the press and the public at our email address, maintain an extensive resources page on our website providing links to South Asia related websites (<http://www.ektaonline.org/resources/>), and publish a monthly community calendar of upcoming South Asia related events and programs in the San Francisco Bay area (<http://www.ektaonline.org/calendar/>). This activity occupies approximately 5% of our organization's time.

D. Collaborating with educational institutions and nonprofit organizations to provide wider support.

Ekta attempts whenever possible to collaborate and build partnerships with educational institutions and nonprofit organizations in its programs and services to enable wider support. This activity occupies approximately 5% of our organization's time. For further information on past collaborations with educational institutions and non-profit organizations, refer to Attachment J.

E. Website design and hosting for emerging artists and nonprofits organizations.

Ekta attempts whenever possible to host, maintain, and/or design websites for emerging artists and nonprofits organizations who lack the technical or financial means to obtain an Internet presence. This activity occupies approximately 5% of our organization's time. For further information on hosted websites, refer to Attachment K.

F. Publicizing the programs and services offered by Ekta.

Publicity currently accounts for less than 5% of our organization's time. We primarily publicize our programs and services through our website which typically attracts an average of 2000 visits per month and an electronic mailing list of approximately 600 people. We also produce print material- flyers and posters- and distribute them at various public spaces throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. For further information, refer to our website at <http://ekta.org>

Attachment D.
Part IV. Financial Data. Line 15.

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|---|-------------------|
| YEAR 2002 | | |
| Spaandan B (EIN 77-0479128) | Contribution: To assist victims of communal violence in Bangladesh. | 2,689.87 |
| Himal Association Katmandu, Nepal | Filmmaker Royalty: Traveling Film South Asia. | 580.95 |
| India Relief and Education Fund (EIN 94-3196666) | Contribution: To assist victims of communal violence in Gujarat, India. | 3,525.09 |
| | 2002 Total | 6,795.91 |
| YEAR 2001 | | |
| Himal Association Katmandu, Nepal | Filmmaker Royalty: Traveling Film South Asia. | 600.00 |
| India Relief and Education Fund (EIN 94-3196666) | Contribution: To assist victims of the earthquake in Gujarat, India. | 1,982.00 |
| Anand Patwardhan | Filmmaker Honorarium. | 1,000.00 |
| | 2001 Total | 3,582.00 |
| YEAR 2000 | | 2000 Total |
| | | 0.00 |
| | TOTAL | 10377.91 |

Attachment E.
Part IV. Financial Data. Line 22.

| YEAR 2002 | | | |
|------------------|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1/2/02 | Liquidweb Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 1/9/02 | Adobe.com Online PDF | Website | 9.99 |
| 1/22/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 2/4/02 | Liquidweb Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 2/8/02 | Office Depot - Supplies | Supplies & Equipment | 9.73 |
| 2/11/02 | Adobe.com Online PDF | Website | 9.99 |
| 2/13/02 | Wells Fargo Return Item Fee | Bank Fees | 5.00 |
| 2/13/02 | Wells Fargo Return Item Fee | Bank Fees | 5.00 |
| 2/21/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 2/28/02 | Liquidweb Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 3/4/02 | Nolo Press - Nonprofit Law Book | Supplies & Equipment | 34.09 |
| 3/4/02 | Office Depot | Supplies & Equipment | 30.27 |
| 3/20/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 4/2/02 | Liquidweb Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 4/18/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 4/19/02 | Copyworld - Printing | Board | 3.31 |
| 4/30/02 | Circuit City - Firewire | Website | 43.29 |
| 5/1/02 | Liquidweb Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 5/20/02 | USPS P.O. Box | Administration | 42.00 |
| 5/20/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 5/31/02 | Liquidweb Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 6/7/02 | North Beach Pizza- Volunteer meeting | Board | 90.00 |
| 6/7/02 | Domainmonger.com | Website | 17.00 |
| 6/10/02 | Liquidweb Web Hosting- 6 months | Website | 124.75 |
| 6/13/02 | USPS- Postage | Board | 5.20 |
| 6/14/02 | Domainmonger.com | Website | 17.00 |
| 6/17/02 | Office Depot | Supplies & Equipment | 18.36 |
| 6/20/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 6/26/02 | Deluxe Bus. Prod -Checks | Supplies & Equipment | 153.81 |
| 6/28/02 | Domainmonger.com | Website | 17.00 |
| 7/19/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 8/12/02 | Domainmonger.com | Website | 17.00 |
| 8/19/02 | Office Depot | Website | 57.33 |
| 8/19/02 | Copyworld- Printing | Board | 18.32 |
| 8/19/02 | Domainmonger.com | Website | 17.00 |
| 8/19/02 | Domainmonger.com | Website | 17.00 |
| 9/20/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |

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| 9/9/02 | Domainmonger.com | Website | 17.00 |
| 9/20/02 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 9/30/02 | Noah's Bagel - Board meeting | Board | 11.49 |
| 10/15/02 | Good Guys - DV Tapes | Website | 48.66 |
| | | 2002 Total | 1,031.29 |

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|------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| YEAR 2001 | | | |
| 1/6/01 | Copyworld- Printing | Board | 11.88 |
| 1/6/01 | Office Depot | Supplies & Equipment | 15.64 |
| 01/20/01 | Office Depot | Supplies & Equipment | 10.21 |
| 02/09/01 | USPS - Postage | Supplies & Equipment | 6.80 |
| 3/13/01 | Office Depot | Supplies & Equipment | 10.79 |
| 3/13/01 | Walgreens-Film Developing | Supplies & Equipment | 28.06 |
| 3/21/01 | Office Depot-Supplies | Website | 33.46 |
| 6/07/01 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | State and Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 7/09/01 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | State and Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 8/20/01 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | State and Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 9/13/01 | A-Plus Monthly Web Hosting | Website | 10.00 |
| 9/21/01 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | State and Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 10/3/01 | A-Plus Monthly Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 10/9/01 | Walgreen-Film Developing | Board | 15.34 |
| 10/10/01 | Adobe.com Online PDF | Website | 9.99 |
| 10/19/01 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | State and Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 11/1/01 | A-Plus Monthly Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 11/9/01 | Adobe.com Online PDF | Website | 9.99 |
| 11/21/01 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | State and Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 12/4/01 | A-Plus Monthly Web Hosting | Website | 19.95 |
| 12/10/01 | Adobe.com Online PDF | Website | 9.99 |
| 12/20/01 | Wells Fargo Monthly fees | State and Bank Fees | 8.00 |
| 5/07/01 | Fuzio -Retreat Committee | Board | 44.75 |
| 5/07/01 | Dillion Beach Deposit | Board | 270.00 |
| 5/07/01 | Viks Dist -Food | Board | 21.60 |
| 5/08/01 | Casa De no Cupables- Board Retreat | Board | 605.00 |
| 5/10/01 | Safeway | Board | 171.24 |
| 8/16/01 | Retreat Faciliator- Sujata Jesudasan | Board | 200.00 |
| 10/01/01 | Office Depot | Supplies & Equipment | 27.52 |
| 10/01/01 | Safeway | Board | 40.29 |
| | | 2001 Total | 1,668.40 |
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| YEAR 2000 | | 2000 Total | 0.00 |
| | | | |
| | | TOTAL | 2699.99 |

Attachment F.**Programs**

(Part II. Question 1, A cont.)

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| 10/20/02 | Riffat Salamat and Party. Sufi Music from Pakistan. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. |
| 10/18/02 | Muktir Gaan (Song of Freedom). Film documentary about the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War. University of California, Berkeley |
| 10/13/02 | Theatre Without Frontiers. Video clips and discussion with Pakistani Playwright Shahid Nadeem. University of California, Berkeley. |
| 10/12/02 | Aik Thee Nani Screening of Urdu play and discussion with Pakistani Playwright Shahid Nadeem. Stanford University, Palo Alto. |
| 10/9/02 | Shabana Azmi: On the Rise of Communalism Talk by Indian Actress and Parliamentarian. University of California, Berkeley. |
| 9/15/02 | "And They Killed Him Again" Photography exhibition by Sahir Raza. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. |
| 8/10/02 8/12/02 | Women, The Victims of Gujarat: A Talk by Shabnam Hashmi. Chandni Restaurant, Newark. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. |
| 7/13/02 7/14/02 | Benefit for the Survivors of Communal Violence in Gujarat: A Tribute to the late Ahsan Jafri. * Mission Cultural Center, San Francisco. Jain Center of Northern California, Milpitas. |
| 6/22/02 | A Fundraiser to Benefit Relief Efforts for Victims of Communal Violence in Gujarat. Artist's Television Access. San Francisco. |
| 1/26/02 1/27/02 2/2/02 2/3/02 | Traveling Film South Asia 2002. * South Asian Documentary Film Festival. California College of Arts and Crafts, San Francisco. California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland. |
| 1/25/02 | Benefit for the "Cheye Dekho" Campaign in Bangladesh Blind Tiger Lounge, San Francisco. |
| 12/10/01 | Jang aur Aman ("War and Peace"). Screening of film and discussion with filmmaker Anand Patwardhan. University of Southern California, Los Angeles. |
| 11/17/01 11/18/01 | Myriad Voices: Reflections on South Asian Women through Film. * California College of Arts and Crafts, San Francisco. University of California, Berkeley. |

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 11/10/01 | Jang aur Aman ("War and Peace"). Screening of film and discussion with filmmaker Anand Patwardhan. University of California, Berkeley. |
| 10/20/01 10/28/01 | Anand Patwardhan Film Retrospective. Festival of Documentary Film by Anand Patwardhan. San Francisco State University. |
| 9/15/02 | Desi Spokenword. Grand Lake Community Center, Oakland. |
| 6/30/01 | What is Really Happening in Gujarat Today? A Talk with Grassroots NGOS from Ahmedabad. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. |
| 3/10/01 | Benefit for Earthquake Relief in Gujarat. California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland. |
| 3/9/01 | Uttara ("The Wrestlers"). Kabuki Theatre, San Francisco. |
| 1/20/01 1/21/01 1/28/01 | Traveling Film South Asia 2001. South Asian Documentary Film Festival. California College of Arts and Crafts, San Francisco. |
| 10/16/00 | Desi Spokenword. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. |
| 7/22/00 | Desi Spokenword. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. |
| 6/17/00 | Desi Spokenword. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. |

* See Attachment L: Sample Literature.

For further information, refer to <http://www.ektaonline.org/events/index.htm/>

Attachment G.
Past Invited Artists and Speakers
(Part II. Question 1, A cont.)

Artists:

Yasmine Kabir, Filmmaker (Bangladesh)
Shahid Nadeem, Playwright (Pakistan)
Anand Patwardhan, Filmmaker (India)
Sahir Raza, Photographer (India)
Parag Chordia, Classical Sarod Instrumentalist
Parijat Desai, Contemporary Dancer and Choreographer
Raj Dutt, Classical Hindustani Vocal Artist
Shabi Farooq, Tabla Percussionist
Fat Chance Belly Dance's Third Tribe, Dance Troupe
Karmacy, Hip-Hop Fusion Artists
Indu Krishnan, Filmmaker
Vivek Maru, Spokenword Artist
Shailja Patel, Spokenword Artist
Ferhan Qureshi, Tabla Percussionist
Cheb i Sabbah, Disc Jockey
Rhino FX, Disc Jockey
Riffat Salamat, Sufi Vocal Artist
Farah Shaikh, Kathak Dancer
Asako Takami, Odissi Dancer

Speakers / Discussants:

Shabana Azmi, Actress and Parliamentarian (India)
Shabnam Hashmi, Chairperson, Safdar Hashmi Memorial Trust (India)
Martin Macwan, Director, Navsarjan (India)
Gagan Sethi, Director, Janvikas (India)
Angana Chatterji, Professor of Anthropology, California Institute of Integral Studies
Najid Hussain, Son-in-law of former Member of the Indian Parliament Ahsan Jafri
Nishrin Hussain, Daughter of former Member of the Indian Parliament Ahsan Jafri
Surina Khan, Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
Raka Ray, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

Attachment H.

Past Films and Documentaries

(Part II. Question 1, A cont.)

Amrit Beeja (Meera Dewan, 1996, Karnataka, India)
Ashgari Bai: Echoes of Silence (Priti Chandriani and Brahmananda Singh 1997, India)
The Bee, the Bear and the Kuruba (Vinod Raja, 2000, Karnataka, India)
Between the Devil and the Deep River (Arvind Sinha, 1999, Bihar, India)
Bombay our City (Anand Patwardhan, 1985, India)
Born at Home (Sameera Jain, 2000, India)
Colours Black (Mamta Murthy, 2001, Bombay, India)
Desperately Seeking Helen (Eisha Marjara, 1998, Canada)
Don't Pass Me By (Sarah Kapoor, Christina Lamey and Kristi Vuorinen, 1999, Nepal)
Duhshomoy (Yasmine Kabir, 1999, Bangladesh)
Evil Stalks the Land (Gauhar Raza, 2002, Gujarat, India)
Father, Son and Holy War (Anand Patwardhan, 1994, India)
Fishers of Men (Ranjan Kamath and Padmavathi Rao, 1997, Madhya Pradesh, India)
Fishing in the Sea of Greed (Anand Patwardhan, 1998, India)
The Forgotten Army (Kabir Khan, 1997, India)
From the Burning Embers (Sabeena Gadihoke, 1993, India.)
Hey Ram!! Genocide in the Land of Gandhi (Gopal Menon, 2002, Gujarat, India)
Hijab: An Expression of My Soul (Irum Shiekh and Javeria Aleem, USA)
Imagine Kalpana (Gargi Sen, 1997, India)
Jang aur Aman (Anand Patwardhan, 2002, India)
Jari Mari: Of Cloth and Other Stories (Surabhi Sharma, 2001, Bombay, India)
Jibon (Altaf Mazid, 1998, Assam, India)
King for a Day (Alex Gabbay, 2001, Bangladesh)
King of Dreams (Amar Kanwar, 2001, India)
Knowing Her Place (Indu Krishnan, 1990, USA)
A Letter to Samten –Alex Gabbay (1999, Darjeeling, India)
Listening to Shadows (Koushik Sarkar, 1998, Gujarat, India)
The Loom (Anjali Monteiro and K.P. Jayasankar, 2001, Bombay, India)
The Killing Terraces (Dhruba Basnet, 2001, Nepal)
In Memory of Friends (Anand Patwardhan, 1990, India)
Memories of Fear (Madushree Dutta, 1995, India)
Mirch Masala (Ketan Mehta, 1986, India)
Muktir Gaan (Tareque and Catherine Masud, 1995, Bangladesh)
Muktir Kotha (Tareque and Catherine Masud, 1999, Bangladesh)
My Migrant Soul (Yasmine Kabir, 2000, Bangladesh)
Narmada Diary (Anand Patwardhan, 1995, India)
No One Believes the Professor (Farjad Nabi, 1999, Punjab, Pakistan)
Occupation: Mill Worker (Anand Patwardhan, 1996, India)
Our Boys (Manzare Hassin, 2000, Bangladesh)
Paddana: Song of the Ancestors (Anula Shetty, India)
Pure Chutney (Sanjeev Chatterjee, 1998, Trinidad and Tobago)
Ragi: Kana: Ko Bonga Buru (Shriprakash, 1999, Bihar, India)
Ram ke Nam (Anand Patwardhan, 1992, India)
Ramlila (Ananth Sridhar, Sanjay Pande, Subash Kapoor, 2000, Delhi, India)
Ribbons for Peace (Anand Patwardhan, 1998, India)

A Rough Cut on the Life and Times of Lachuman Magar (Dinesh Deokota, 2001, Nepal)
Skin Deep (Reena Mohan, 1998, India)
A Sun Sets In (Shahid Nadeem, 1999, Pakistan)
Thin Air (Ashim Alhuwalia, 1998, Maharashtra, India)
Three Women and a Camera (Sabeena Gadihoke, 1998, India)
Uttara (Buddhadeb Dasgupta, 2000, Bengal, India)
Voices of Dissent: A Dance of Passion (NoorKhan Bawa, 1999, Pakistan)
Voices of the Morning (Meena Nanji, 1992, USA)
We Are Not Your Monkeys (Anand Patwardhan, 1993, India)
We Homes Chap (Kesang Tseten, 2001, Bengal, India)
Where Healing is a Tradition (Gargi Sen, 1997, India)

Attachment I.

Fundraisers for Charitable Nonprofit Organizations (Part II. Question 1, B cont.)

Benefit for the Survivors of Communal Violence in Gujarat, July 2002

Coordinated fundraising efforts with eleven other nonprofit organizations and collectively raised approximately \$50,000 for SAATH, a charitable organization providing rehabilitation and sustainable development assistance to the survivors of communal violence in Gujarat, India. Ekta collected approximately \$3500 in contributions and approximately \$21,500 in checks written to India Relief and Education Fund. The collective amount was disbursed to India Relief and Education Fund. American India Foundation contributed an additional \$25,000 and took responsibility for disbursing the entire sum of \$50,000 to SAATH in Gujarat, India.

A Fundraiser to Benefit Relief Efforts for Victims of Communal Violence in Gujarat, June 2002.

Coordinated fundraising efforts with six other nonprofit organizations and raised approximately \$1400 for Citizen's Initiative, a coalition of charitable organizations providing relief assistance to the survivors of communal violence in Gujarat, India. India Relief and Education Fund collected the funds and took responsibility for disbursing the entire sum to Citizen's Initiative in Gujarat, India.

Benefit for the "Cheye Dekho" Campaign in Bangladesh, January 2002

Raised approximately \$2800 for the survivors of communal violence in Bangladesh. Funds disbursed by Drishtipat through their fiscal sponsor SpaandanB.

Benefit for Earthquake Relief in Gujarat, March 2001

Raised approximately \$3000 for Janvikas, a charitable organization operating relief and rehabilitation efforts for the survivors of the Gujarat earthquake in India. Funds disbursed to Janvikas by India Relief and Education Fund.

Attachment J.**Collaborations with Educational Institutions and Non-Profit Organizations**

(Part II. Question 1, D cont.)

Educational Institutions

California College of Arts and Crafts, Film & Video Dept., San Francisco, CA
California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA
San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
Townsend Center Working Group on South Asia Modernities, Berkeley, CA
University of California Berkeley, Center for South Asia Studies, Berkeley, CA
University of California Berkeley, Dept. of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Berkeley, CA
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Nonprofit Organizations

American India Foundation, Milpitas, CA
Artist's Television Access, San Francisco, CA
Association for India's Development, Stanford, CA
Coalition Against Communalism, Fremont, CA
Friends of South Asia, San Jose, CA
Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA
Himal Association, Kathmandu, Nepal
India Relief and Education Fund, Fremont, CA
Indian Muslim Relief Committee, Palo Alto, CA
Indo-American Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA
National Asian American Telecommunications Association, San Francisco, CA
Narika, Berkeley, CA
South Asian Bar Association, Sunnyvale, CA
Thimmakka's Resources for Environmental Education, Oakland, CA
3rd I, San Francisco, CA
Trikone, San Francisco, CA

Attachment K.**Website Design and Hosting (Part II. Question 1, E cont.)**

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| Ajoka Theatre | http://ajoka.ektaonline.org |
| Anand Patwardhan (Filmmaker) | http://patwardhan.ektaonline.org |
| Coalition Against Communalism | http://cac.ektaonline.org |
| Friends of South Asia | http://fosa.ektaonline.org |
| India Relief and Education Fund | http://iref.ektaonline.org |
| Nivara Hakk Welfare Centre | http://nivarahakk.ektaonline.org |
| NRI's for a Secular and Harmonious India | http://nrisahi.ektaonline.org |
| Mijwan Welfare Society | http://mijwan.ektaonline.org |
| Sahir Raza (Photographer) | http://sahir.ektaonline.org |
| Shabaz (Musicians) | http://shabaz.ektaonline.org |

December 24, 2002

Michelle A. Brown
Exempt Organization Specialist
Internal Revenue Service, Exempt Organizations
550 Main Street, Federal Building, Room 4504
Cincinnati, OH 45202

RE: EKTA, 91-2143894

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please find below the information you requested in response to your letter dated December 3, 2002.

1) How does your organization ensure expenditure responsibility over the funds disbursed in South Asia? How does your organization ensure that the funds are used for a charitable purpose? Explain in detail.

Our organization ensures expenditure responsibility over funds disbursed in South Asia and ensures that the funds are used for a charitable purpose by working in collaboration with other well-reputed nonprofit charitable organizations in the United States and South Asia, that have expertise in providing relief, rehabilitation, and/or sustainable development assistance to people affected by either natural disasters, violence and/or poverty in South Asia. When disbursing funds to charitable organizations in South Asia (hereinafter "recipient organizations"), we utilize other 501c3 charitable nonprofit organizations (hereinafter "partner organizations") that have expertise in disbursing and monitoring funds to charitable organizations in South Asia (hereinafter "recipient organizations").

Before we disburse funds, we require the recipient organization to provide a detailed project proposal fully describing their organization and their proposal for providing relief, rehabilitation, and/or sustainable development assistance. In addition, we require that the recipient organization must be: (1.) a registered charitable tax-exempt nonprofit organization recognized by the government in the country in which it operates and authorized to receive foreign contributions; (2.) an organization that has no political, religious, or sectarian affiliations; and (3.) an organization that would have qualified as a 501c3 charitable nonprofit organization had it operated in the United States.

Once a recipient organization's project proposal is approved and before disbursing funds to our partner organizations, we require our partner organizations to sign a memorandum of understanding with the recipient organization and our organization that includes the following agreements: (1.) The partner organization must monitor the progress of the recipient organization and make periodic reports to our organization. (2.) Once the partner organization disburses funds to the recipient organization in South Asia, the partner organization must provide proof of the transaction and a receipt from the recipient

organization in South Asia. (3.) The partner organization should disburse funds to recipient organization in multiple installments. (4.) Before the partner organization may disburse subsequent installments, the partner organization must confirm that the funds disbursed thus far have been used solely for the intended charitable purpose outlined in the recipient organization's original project proposal. This is typically verified by requesting a detailed progress report from the recipient organization that outlines how any funds received thus far have been used and for what purpose. In addition, volunteers who are visiting countries in South Asia are requested to visit project sites to monitor projects. (5.) 100% of all funds disbursed to the partner organizations must be disbursed to the recipient organization in South Asia. No part of any funds disbursed to the partner organizations may be used for administrative expenses by the partner organizations.

2) Do any of the artists receive any kind of financial benefit from having their music, film, literature, or art shown? For example, do they receive a royalty or commission from your organization? How does your organization ensure these payments serve a public interest rather than the private interest of the artist? Explain in detail.

The majority of artists we showcase receive no financial benefit from having their music, film, literature, or art shown, especially since the majority of our programs are free of charge or at cost. The artists we showcase are requested to display their work solely for the benefit of the community to promote greater awareness about their work and the work of South Asian visual and performing artists in general.

However, there have been a few exceptions in the past where we have awarded honorariums for distinguished artists that we wish to recognize and royalties to nonprofit artist collectives that distribute member works. These payments, nevertheless, serve the public interest rather than the private interest of the artist because they enable the public, who would not have the opportunity otherwise, to experience diverse works by visual and performing artists from South Asia free of charge or at cost. This is made possible by the fact that the artists agree to receive significantly less than they would have in the commercial arena.

3) You state that your organization is designing and hosting Web Sites for emerging artist and other nonprofit organizations. Does your organization charge a fee for this service? If so, provide us with a copy of the fee schedule and explain how fees are determined. How does this activity further the exempt purpose of your organization? Explain in detail.

At present, our organization does not charge any fees for designing or hosting websites for emerging artists and other nonprofit organizations. Our organization pays for the website service and maintenance is performed by volunteers. However, if the need arises due to financial constraints in the future, we may charge a proportional fee to offset the operating costs. Nevertheless, these fees would be significantly less than commercial rates and would be determined based on cost. For example, it costs us approximately \$50 per month to maintain 750 megabytes of website space. Therefore, fees would be determined at approximately \$4.00 per year for every 5 megabytes of usage.

4) Provide us with a budget showing a breakdown of both revenue and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2003.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 2003

REVENUE

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Gifts, grants, contributions | \$3,000.00 |
| Gross receipts from admissions | \$6,500.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$9,500.00 |

EXPENSES

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fundraising Expenses | \$3,000.00 |
| Contributions/Honorariums | \$3,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous (see schedule) | \$2,800.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$9,300.00 |

NET INCOME **\$200.00**

Schedule- Miscellaneous Expenses

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Website | \$600.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$300.00 |
| Bank Fees | \$120.00 |
| Board/Volunteer Meeting Expenses | \$280.00 |
| Equipment- LCD Projector | \$1,500.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,800.00 |

5) The user fee payment that was submitted with your request was for \$150. When preparing your budget for the year ending 2003, please determine whether your gross income has exceeded or is expected to exceed \$10,000 annually. If so, you will owe another \$350 for a total of \$500. We recommend payment by certified check, cashiers check or money order. Otherwise, the determination letter may be held for an additional 30 days for the check to clear the bank.

Gross income not expected to exceed \$10,000 annually. Therefore, additional fees are not required.

6) Did your organization have an organizing document prior to July 16, 2001? If so, provide us with a conformed copy of the document. If not, we can only give you an advance ruling. Therefore, page 7, item 10 should be answered no. Please make this change initial, date, and return to us. Also, fill out the enclosed Form 872-C. The ending date of your first tax year is December 31, 2001.

Our organization did have an organizing document prior to July 16, 2001, but it was not deemed fully filed due to procedural errors till July 16, 2001. We submitted Articles of

Incorporation with the California Secretary of State on February 8, 2001 and July 16, 2001.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Raj Barot
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