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6 Omni Way, Suite 201
Chelmsford, MA 01824-4141
978-452-2500**

August 26, 2022

Backyard Growers, Inc.
103R Maplewood Ave.
Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Ms. Perry:

Enclosed please find the organization's 2021 return(s).

Specific filing instructions are as follows:

Federal Filing Instructions

Your Form 990 for the year ended 12/31/21 shows no balance due.

Your return is being filed electronically with the IRS. Form 8879-TE, IRS *e-file* Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization should be signed and dated by an authorized officer of the organization and returned to our office by November 15, 2022.

Important: Your return will not be filed with the IRS until the signed Form 8879-TE has been received by this office.

Massachusetts Form PC Filing Instructions

The filing fee for the tax year ended 12/31/21 is \$125. The fee should be paid using the Commonwealth of Massachusetts secure web-based payment portal:
<https://www.paybill.com/maagocharities>

Form PC must be signed and dated by one officer on Page 7 and two officers of the organization on Page 12, if applicable. Enter the Electronic Payment Confirmation number on Page 1 and mail the return AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to:

Non-Profit / Public Charities Division
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

A copy of the return is enclosed for your files. We suggest that you retain this copy indefinitely.

Sincerely,

Brendan E. Toolin
Anstiss & Co., P.C.

Form **8879-TE**

IRS e-file Signature Authorization for a Tax Exempt Entity

OMB No. 1545-0047

For calendar year 2021, or fiscal year beginning 2021, and ending 20

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879TE for the latest information.

2021

Name of filer

BACKYARD GROWERS, INC.

EIN or SSN

47-1553021

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax **ALISON WOITUNSKI DIFIORE**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a** below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b <u>487,453</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b _____
3a Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b _____
6a Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b _____
7a Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b _____
8a Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b _____
9a Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b _____
10a Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above entity or I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) _____, (EIN) _____ and that I have examined a copy of the 2021 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

I authorize _____ to enter my PIN as my signature
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2021 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2021 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax ▶ _____ Date ▶ 08/26/22

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2021 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ BRENDAN E. TOOLIN Date ▶ 08/26/22

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2021

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning , **and ending**

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
 BACKYARD GROWERS, INC.
 Doing business as
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 GLOUCESTER MA 01930

D Employer identification number
 47-1553021

E Telephone number
 978-281-0480

F Name and address of principal officer:
 BRIAN ORR
 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.
 GLOUCESTER MA 01930

G Gross receipts \$ 487,739

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. See instructions

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ BACKYARDGROWERS.ORG **H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ **L** Year of formation: 2014 **M** State of legal domicile: MA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
 SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	11
4	11
5	6
6	200
7a	0
7b	0

Revenue

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	415,489	450,742
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	28,871	36,160
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	461	837
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-1,180	-286
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	443,641	487,453

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	243,360	315,081
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 80,876		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	74,264	109,905
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	317,624	424,986
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	126,017	62,467

Net Assets or Fund Balances

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	374,602	443,437
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	15,998	15,966
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	358,604	427,471

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: ALISON WOITUNSKI DIFIORE
 Date: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: BRENDAN E. TOOLIN
 Preparer's signature: BRENDAN E. TOOLIN
 Date: 08/26/22
 Check if self-employed
 PTIN: P01323447

Firm's name: ANSTISS & CO., P.C.
 Firm's EIN: 04-2917204
 Firm's address: 6 OMNI WAY, SUITE 201
 CHELMSFORD, MA 01824-4141
 Phone no.: 978-452-2500

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

[] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

[] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 306,519 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 36,160)

IN THE FACE OF COVID-19 WE FOUND INNOVATIVE NEW WAYS TO EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH RESOURCES AND AGENCY TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD. WE LAUNCHED AN ONLINE SHOP TO SAFELY AND URGENTLY DISTRIBUTE THOUSANDS OF GROWING RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE PILOTED A SUCCESSFUL GROW BAG INITIATIVE, A NEW SUSTAINABLE WAY TO GROW FOOD REGARDLESS OF ACCESS TO SPACE. WE PIVOTED ALL OUR TRAININGS TO VIRTUAL FORMATS AND LAUNCHED COOKING WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS ENROLLED IN REMOTE LEARNING. WE CONNECTED MORE SENIORS, FAMILIES, AND KIDS TO VEGETABLE GARDENS AND HEALTHY FOOD IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES AND BACKYARDS, DOUBLING OUR BACKYARD GARDEN PROGRAM. WE ESTABLISHED NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND SCHOOL GARDEN CONSULTING CLIENTS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

N/A

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

N/A

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 306,519

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	6		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.	2b		X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b			
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a			X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a			X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		X	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		X	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b			
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15			X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16			X
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17			

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		X

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► MA
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ►
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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) BRIAN ORR PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) ALLISON MUELLER VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) JENNIFER PERRY TREASURER	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) KAREN TAGGART CLERK	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) KRISTIN BARR BOARD MEMBER	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) CAROL LI BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) HEIDI MCGRATH BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) JEN ZOLA BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) PAUL ROMARY BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) LARRY OAKS BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) ELIZABETH REDMOND BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) LARA LEPIONKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 0.00			X				84,880	0	0
1b Subtotal							84,880			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							84,880			

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	60,240				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	390,502				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			450,742			
Program Service Revenue	2a OTHER PROGRAM INCOME	Business Code					
		110000	15,285	15,285			
	b GARDEN/MERCHANDISE	110000	8,200	8,200			
	c EDUCATION/WORKSHOPS	110000	7,180	7,180			
	d PARTNER & PARTICIPANT	110000	5,495	5,495			
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			36,160				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		837			837	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		6a					
	b Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental inc. or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		7a					
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	7b					
	c Gain or (loss)	7c					
d Net gain or (loss)							
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 60,240 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18							
	b Less: direct expenses	8b	286				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-286		-286	
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19							
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions			487,453	36,160	0	551	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	84,880	50,928	16,976	16,976
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	201,969	155,083	79	46,807
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	28,232	20,276	1,679	6,277
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	8,728		8,728	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	37,196	37,196		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,864	1,932	1,932	
14 Information technology	1,599	1,201	398	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	14,600	10,950	3,650	
17 Travel	1,551	911	640	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	2,358	1,179	1,179	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a MERCHANDISE & SUPPLIES	18,356	17,156	1,200	
b FUNDRAISING	9,943			9,943
c OTHER	8,904	8,904		
d MISC	2,806	803	1,130	873
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	424,986	306,519	37,591	80,876
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	155,846	1	155,612
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	100,125	2	100,397
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	14,116	3	76,174
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4,138	4	10,312
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 6,900		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 6,900	10c	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	100,377	12	100,942
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	374,602	16	443,437	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,998	17	15,966
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	15,998	26	15,966
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	333,004	27	309,971
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	25,600	28	117,500
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	358,604	32	427,471
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	374,602	33	443,437	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	487,453
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	424,986
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	62,467
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	358,604
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	6,400
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	427,471

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2021

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

BACKYARD GROWERS, INC.

Employer identification number

47-1553021

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	324,196	274,645	286,084	415,489	450,742	1,751,156
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	324,196	274,645	286,084	415,489	450,742	1,751,156
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						299,027
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,452,129

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	324,196	274,645	286,084	415,489	450,742	1,751,156
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	68	62	80	461	837	1,508
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1,752,664

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 189,767

13 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) **14** 82.85 %

15 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 **15** 89.48 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2021.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b **33 1/3% support test—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2021 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>	Yes	No
2a		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>		
3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		
3b		

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

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

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D – Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021			
a From 2016			
b From 2017			
c From 2018			
d From 2019			
e From 2020			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2021 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2017			
b Excess from 2018			
c Excess from 2019			
d Excess from 2020			
e Excess from 2021			

**Schedule B
(Form 990)****Schedule of Contributors**

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-PF.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.****2021**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

BACKYARD GROWERS, INC.

47-1553021

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

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

Special Rules

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

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

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

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	THE CHURCH HOME SOCIETY 138 TREMONT STREET BOSTON MA 02111	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	CUMMINGS FOUNDATION 200 WEST CUMMINGS PARK WOBURN MA 01801	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	THE BOSTON FOUNDATION, INC BRUCE J ANDERSON FOUNDATION 75 ARLINGTON STREET 3RD FLOOR BOSTON MA 02111	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	JOHN & MOLLIE BYRNES 5B CURLEW CT GLOUCESTER MA 01930	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	AMELIA PEABODY CHARITABLE FUND 10 POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON MA 02111	\$ 30,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	AMELIA PEABODY FOUNDATION 1 HOLLIS STREET WELLESLEY MA 02482	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	APPLIED MATERIAL FOUNDATION 3050 BOWERS AVENUE SANTA CLARA CA 95054	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year. (Sub-rows: a Total number of conservation easements, b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Revenue, Assets. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X. 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %
 - b Permanent endowment ▶ %
 - c Term endowment ▶ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		6,900	6,900	
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ▶

Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	100,942	MARKET
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	100,942	

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

PART X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE

THE ORGANIZATION IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. INCOME RELATED TO THESE PURPOSES IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME WOULD BE TAXABLE ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS. HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT SUBJECT TO TAX ON INCOME FROM ANY UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

THE ORGANIZATION REGULARLY REVIEWS AND EVALUATES ITS TAX POSITIONS TAKEN IN ITS FILED RETURNS AND RECOGNIZES THE BENEFIT FROM A TAX POSITION ONLY IF IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE POSITION WOULD BE SUSTAINED UPON AUDIT BASED SOLELY ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF THE TAX POSITION.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

THE ORGANIZATION FILES FEDERAL AND MASSACHUSETTS TAX RETURNS. THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THESE JURISDICTIONS IS GENERALLY THREE YEARS. THE ORGANIZATION HAD NO RETURNS UNDER EXAMINATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2021

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

BACKYARD GROWERS, INC.

Employer identification number

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>GROW DOWN</u>		<u>NONE</u>	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	60,240			60,240
	2 Less: Contributions	60,240			60,240
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	286			286
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				286
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-286	

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

BACKYARD GROWERS CULTIVATES HEALTHY, CONNECTED, ENVIRONMENTALLY

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND FIGHTS FOR FOOD JUSTICE BY TEACHING PEOPLE TO

GROW THEIR OWN FOOD. WE PROVIDE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH

VEGETABLE GARDENS AT HOMES, HOUSING COMMUNITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND

SCHOOLS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990

A COPY OF FORM 990 WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW

PRIOR TO ISSUANCE.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY REVIEWED ANNUALLY AND DISCLOSURES, IF ANY, ARE

RECORDED

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION IS DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON BY THE OFFICERS

AND DIRECTORS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION. WAGE

AMOUNTS ARE DETERMINED BASED ON PERFORMANCE AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION OF

OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION

THE ORGANIZATION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST AND ALSO ON

THE WEBSITE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

Office Use Only: Fiscal Year

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS/PUBLIC CHARITIES DIVISION

ONE ASHBURTON PLACE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108

MAURA HEALEY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200, ext. 2101

www.mass.gov/ago/charities

Form PC

Report for the Fiscal Period: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

AG Account #: 059817 Federal ID #: 47-1553021

Electronic Payment Confirmation #: _____
Attach printout of electronic payment confirmation.

Electronic Payment Date: _____

When did the organization first engage in charitable work in Massachusetts? 01/01/2015

Has the organization applied for or been granted IRS tax exempt status? Yes No

If yes, date of application OR date of determination letter: 07/31/2014

IRS Exemption under 501(c): 3

If exempt under 501(c), are contributions to the organization tax deductible as charitable contributions? Yes No

Check all items attached (if applicable)

Filing Fee or Printout of Electronic Payment Confirmation

Copy of IRS Return

Audited Financial Statements/Review

Amended Articles/By-Laws

Schedule A-1

Schedule A-2

Schedule RO

Schedule VCO

Probate Account

Organization Data

Name: BACKYARD GROWERS, INC.

Mailing Address: 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City: GLOUCESTER State: MA Zip: 01930

Phone Number: 978-281-0480 Fax Number: _____

Email: LARA@BACKYARDGROWERS.ORG Website: BACKYARDGROWERS.ORG

In the table below, please enter the appropriate codes from the corresponding tables found in the instructions.

Enter **up to 2** codes from Table 3 for your organization's main purpose(s)

Category	Code	Category	Code
County (Table 1)	5	Organization Purpose Code 1	8
Type of Organization (Table 2)	11	Organization Purpose Code 2	30

Please check box if final return prior to dissolution:

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All questions must be completed in their entirety whether or not similar questions are answered in an attached federal form.
See instructions and definition section for guidance.

1. On what date was the organization created? 07/31/2014

2. Where was the organization created? MASSACHUSETTS

3. What is the form of organization? (check one)

Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Testamentary Trust <input type="checkbox"/>
Unincorporated Association <input type="checkbox"/>	Inter Vivos Trust <input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please describe): _____

4. Was your organization related to any other organization(s) during the reporting year (see definition "Related Organization")? If yes, please complete the Schedule RO on pages 13 and 14. Yes No

5. Enter your summary of financial data:

	Financial Data	Amounts
A.	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	450,742
B.	Gross support and revenue	487,453
C.	Program services and similar amounts paid out	306,519
D.	Fundraising expenses	80,876
E.	Management and general expenses	37,591
F.	Payments to affiliates	
G.	Total expenses	424,986
H.	Net assets or fund balances at the end of the year	427,471

6. List the total compensation you provided to your five highest paid employees:

	Name/Title	Hrs/Week	Salary and Other Income	Benefit Plans	Other Compensation
1.	LARA LEPIONKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00	84,880		
2.	CORINNE LIPPIE PROGRAM DIRECTOR	40.00	63,186		
3.	MELANIE MURRY-BROWN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	40.00	51,483		
4.	COURTNEY ALLEN COMMUNICATIONS DIREC	30.00	35,255		
5.	JESSICA REID PROGRAM COORDINATOR	35.00	35,210		

7. Was any compensation provided to any of the individuals listed in question 6 above which was not quantified in your response to 6? If yes, please provide explanation (attach separate sheet). Yes No

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8. List the name, amount of compensation paid, and the nature of services rendered by each of the organization's five highest paid consultants providing professional services (e.g. attorneys, architects, accountants, management companies, investment advisors, professional solicitors, professional fundraising counsel).

	Name/Title	Amount of Compensation	Type(s) of Service
1.	STUDIOFUL	13,000	CONSULTING
2.	JOHNSON O'CONNOR	6,010	ACCOUNTING
3.	ARIA MCELHENNY	5,525	CONSULTING
4.	LYDIA SISSON	3,400	CONSULTING
5.	JAMES HARRISON	2,125	CONSULTING

9. Bank(s) in which the organization's funds are deposited (include bank addresses and phone number):

Bank	Address	Phone Number
BANKGLOUCESTER	160 MAIN ST. GLOUCESTER MA 01930	978-283-8200
INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS	4 PARKER ST. GLOUCESTER MA 01930	978-462-3106

10. What is the organization's accounting method? Cash Accrual
 Other (specify): _____

11. If organization's mailing address is a P.O. Box, list the organization's full street address:

Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

12. Contact Person Name: JENNIFER PERRY

Street Address: 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City: GLOUCESTER State: MA Zip Code: 01930

Phone Number: 978-281-0480

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13. During the fiscal year reported here, did your organization solicit contributions or have funds solicited on its behalf? Yes No

14. At any time during the fiscal year following the year reported here, will your organization, or others acting on its behalf, solicit contributions? Yes No

If you answered yes to Question 13 or 14, you must complete Schedule A-1 and/or Schedule A-2 unless you are exempt from the solicitation certificate requirement.

15. If you are claiming an exemption from the solicitation certificate requirement, please indicate by checking the box to the right to identify which exemption applies to your organization.

a religious organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
an organization which: (a) does not raise more than \$5,000 during a calendar year OR does not receive contributions from more than ten persons during a calendar year; AND (b) carries out all of its activities, including fundraising, through unpaid volunteers. [The conditions at both (a) and (b) must be met for your organization to qualify for this exemption.]	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Attach a list of names, addresses (street and/or mailing), and telephone numbers of other offices/chapters/branches/affiliates. NONE

17. Attach a list of names, titles, and addresses (street and/or mailing) of officers, directors, trustees, and the principal salaried executives of organization. SEE STATEMENT 1

18. Attach a list of name, titles, and addresses (street and/or mailing) of any individual(s) authorized to sign checks, and any individual(s) responsible for: custody of funds; distribution of funds; fundraising; and custody of financial records. SEE STATEMENT 2

19. Has this organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fundraisers solicited funds in any other state? Yes No

If you attach list of states where solicitation was conducted, including registered agency, dates of registration, registration numbers, any other names under which the organization was/is registered, and the dates and type (mail, telephone, door to door, special events, etc.) of the solicitation conducted.

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20. Has this organization or any of its officers, directors, or employees:

If yes, please attach an explanation.

- (a) Been enjoined or otherwise prohibited by a government agency/court from operating or soliciting contributions? Yes No
- (b) Ever been refused registration or had its registration or tax exemption denied, suspended, modified or revoked by a governmental agency? Yes No
- (c) Been the subject of a proceeding regarding any solicitation or registration? Yes No
- (d) Entered into a voluntary agreement of compliance or consent judgment with, any government agency or in a case before a court or administrative agency? Yes No

21. Have any restrictions been removed during the year from donor-restricted funds?

If yes, please attach an explanation.

Yes No

22. Have donor-restricted funds been loaned to unrestricted funds?

If yes, please attach an explanation.

Yes No

23. This question involves "Termination of Employment or Changes of Control Compensatory Arrangements" with certain "Related Parties" (see *instructions and definition sections*). Report only if payments made or promised to any individual are in excess of four months salary or \$100,000, whichever dollar amount is less.

- (a) Did you make actual payments or otherwise transfer value under such an arrangement to any individual described in Related Party definition, sections (a) or (b), which payments are not reported in Question 6 or 7 above? Yes No
- (b) Do you have an agreement with any individual described in Related Party definition, sections (a) or (b), containing such an agreement? Yes No

If you answered yes for Question 23(a) or 23(b) above, please attach an explanation identifying the individual(s) involved, stating the amount of any payments made or value transferred, and describing the terms of each agreement.

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24. This question applies to related party transactions, which include transactions with officers, directors, trustees, certain employees, relative, and organizations they own or control. Please consult the instructions and definition sections for the definition of a "Related Party" and "Indebtedness" before answering. Note that transactions involving related parties must be reported even when there is no accounting recognition (e.g. in-kind gifts, waiver or interest not otherwise reported).

If the answer to any part of Question 24 is yes, attach a schedule stating the name and address of the related party, the nature of the transaction, the value or the amounts involved in the transaction, and the procedure followed in authorizing the transaction. SEE STATEMENT 3

During the year:		
A.	Has your organization sold or transferred assets to or purchased assets from or exchanged assets with a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
B.	Has your organization leased assets to or leased assets from a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
C.	Has your organization been indebted to a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
D.	Has your organization allowed a related party to be indebted to it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
E.	Has your organization made or held an investment in a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
F.	Has your organization furnished goods, services, or facilities to a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
G.	Has your organization acquired goods, services, or facilities from a related party who received compensation or other value in return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
H.	Has your organization paid or became obligated to pay wages, salary, or other compensation to a related party?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I.	Has your organization transferred income or assets to or for use by a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
J.	Was your organization a party to any transaction in which any of its officers, directors, or trustees has a material financial interest, or did any officer, director or trustee receive anything of value not reported as compensation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
K.	Has your organization invested in any corporate stock of a company in which any officer, director, or trustee owns more than 10% of the outstanding shares?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
L.	Is any property of the organization held in the name of or commingled with the property of any other person or organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
M.	Did your organization make a grant award or contribution to any other organization in which any of this organization's officers, directors or trustees has a relationship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Signature Required

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the information furnished in this report, including all attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: ALISON WOITUNSKI DIFIORE

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Name of Preparer: ANSTISS & CO., P.C.

Address 6 OMNI WAY, SUITE 201

CHELMSFORD, MA 01824-4141

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number 978-452-2500

Schedule A-1
Solicitation Activities During Fiscal Year Covered By This Report

List any names which will be used by the organization in connection with the solicitation of funds, other than the official name which appears on page 1.

Two horizontal lines for listing names.

Types of solicitation activities in which you expect to engage (check all that apply):

Table with 2 columns of solicitation activities and checkboxes. Checked items include: Entertainment event, Via the Internet, Individual Mailings, Corporate solicitations, Grant Proposals.

Other (specify):

Identify the method or methods you expect to use for the fundraising (check all that apply):

Table with 2 columns of fundraising methods and checkboxes. Checked items include: Own employees, Volunteers.

* Provide applicable names and addresses:

Professional Solicitor Name:

Address

City State Zip Code

Professional Fundraising Counsel Name:

Address

City State Zip Code

Commercial Co-Venturer Name:

Address

City State Zip Code

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Schedule A-1 ctd.
Solicitation Activities During Fiscal Year Covered By This Report

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's custody of contributions:

Name and Title: LARA LEPIONKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title: ELIZABETH REDMOND TREASURER

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title:

Address

City State Zip Code

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's distribution of contributions:

Name and Title: LARA LEPIONKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title: ELIZABETH REDMOND TREASURER

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title:

Address

City State Zip Code

Schedule A-2

Solicitation Activities Planned for Fiscal Year Which Follows the Reporting Year

List any names which will be used by the organization in connection with the solicitation of funds, other than the official name which appears on page 1.

Types of solicitation activities in which you expect to engage (*check all that apply*):

Mass Mailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via the Internet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Door-to-door	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle, beano, bingo or gaming event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sale of goods other than by telephone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing without sale of goods or ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Mailings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing with sale of goods	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate solicitations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing with sale of ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other (*specify*): _____

Identify the method or methods you expect to use for the fundraising (*check all that apply*):

Professional solicitor*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Professional fundraising counsel*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commercial co-venturer*	<input type="checkbox"/>		

* Provide applicable names and addresses:

Professional Solicitor Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Professional Fundraising Counsel Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Commercial Co-Venturer Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Schedule A-2 ctd.

Solicitation Activities Planned for Fiscal Year Which Follows the Reporting Year

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's custody of contributions:

Name and Title: LARA LEPIONKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title: ALISON WOITUNSKI DIFIORE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title: JENNIFER PERRY TREASURER

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's distribution of contributions:

Name and Title: LARA LEPIONKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title: ALISON WOITUNSKI DIFIORE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

Name and Title: JENNIFER PERRY TREASURER

Address 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.

City GLOUCESTER State MA Zip Code 01930

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Certification by Organization

Two different signatures required. Signers must be organization president or other authorized officer or trustee.

Under penalty of perjury, we declare that the information furnished in this report, including all attachments, is true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: ALISON WOITUNSKI DIFIORE

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: JENNIFER PERRY

Title: TREASURER

Massachusetts Statements**Statement 1 - Form PC, Page 4, Line 17 - Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Principal Salaried Executives**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
BRIAN ORR	PRESIDENT	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
ALLISON MUELLER	VICE PRESIDE	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
JENNIFER PERRY	TREASURER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
KAREN TAGGART	CLERK	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
KRISTIN BARR	BOARD MEMBER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
CAROL LI	BOARD MEMBER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
HEIDI MCGRATH	BOARD MEMBER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
JEN ZOLA	BOARD MEMBER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
PAUL ROMARY	BOARD MEMBER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
LARRY OAKS	BOARD MEMBER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
ELIZABETH REDMOND	BOARD MEMBER	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
LARA LEPIONKA	EXECUTIVE DI	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930

Massachusetts Statements**Statement 2 - Form PC, Page 4, Line 18 - Individuals Authorized to Sign Checks or Responsible for Funds**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>
MELANIE MURRAY-BROWN	FUNDRAISING	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930
LARA LEPIONKA	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	103R MAPLEWOOD AVE.	GLOUCESTER	MA	01930

Statement 3 - Form PC, Page 6, Line 24 - Related Party Transactions

Description

NAME: LARA LEPIONKA
ADDRESS: 103R MAPLEWOOD AVE. GLOUCESTER, MA 01930
RELATIONSHIP: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NATURE OF TRANSACTION: COMPENSATION
AMOUNT INVLOVED: \$84,880
PROCEDURE FOLLOWED: BOARD APPROVED

**By-Laws of
Backyard Growers, Inc.**

ARTICLE I
Members

Section 1. Membership. The corporation shall not have any members. Any action or vote required or permitted by law to be taken by members shall be taken by action or vote of the same percentage of the Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE II
Directors

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the entire charge, control and management of the corporation and its property and may exercise all or any of its powers.

Section 2. Number and Election. Except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws or in the Articles of Organization, the number of Directors that shall constitute the whole Board of Directors shall be fixed, and the Directors elected, by the Directors at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy at any time, existing in the Board of Directors, may be filled by the Board of Directors at any meeting.

Section 4. Enlargement of the Board of Directors. The number of Directors that shall constitute the whole Board of Directors may be increased and one or more additional Directors may be elected at any meeting of the Directors.

Section 5. Tenure. Except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Organization or by these By-Laws, Directors shall hold office for two years until the next annual meeting of Directors and thereafter until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Section 6. Term Limits. No Director may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms without being off the board for at least one (1) year.

Section 6. Resignation. Any Director may resign by delivering his written resignation to the corporation at its principal office or to the President or Clerk. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt unless it is specified to be effective at some other time or upon the happening of some other event.

Section 7. Removal. A Director may be removed from office with or without cause by vote of a majority of the Directors then in office. A Director may be removed for

cause only after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard before the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Annual Meeting. The date, place and time of the annual meeting of the Directors shall be fixed by the Directors. In the event that no date for the annual meeting is established or if no annual meeting is held in accordance with the foregoing provisions, a special meeting may be held in lieu thereof, and any action taken at such meeting shall have the same effect as if taken at the annual meeting.

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Directors may be held at such times and places as shall from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Board and no notice need be given of regular meetings held at times and places so fixed, provided, however, that any resolution relating to the holding of regular meetings shall remain in force only until the next annual meeting of Directors, or the special meeting held in lieu thereof, and that if at any meeting of Directors, at which a resolution is adopted fixing the times or place or places for any regular meetings, any Director is absent, no meeting shall be held pursuant to such resolution until either each such absent Director has in writing or by email approved the resolution or seven days have elapsed after a copy of the resolution certified by the Clerk has been mailed, postage prepaid, addressed to each such absent Director at his last known home or business address.

Section 10. Meeting Attendance. Members may attend a meeting electronically via phone or video. Members may vote as long as they are on a speaker and can be heard by the audience and the rest of the board, and they can hear the audience and rest of the board.

Section 10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President, by the Clerk, by the Secretary, by any two Directors, or by one Director in the event that there is only one Director, and shall be held at the place designated in the notice or call thereof.

Section 11. Notices. Notices of any special meeting of the Directors shall be given to each Director by the Clerk or Secretary (a) by mailing to him, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address as registered on the books of the corporation, or if not so registered at his last known home or business address, a written notice of such meeting at least four days before the meeting or (b) by delivering such notice by hand, facsimile transmission, or email to him at least 48 hours before the meeting at such address, notice of such meeting or (c) by giving notice to such Director in person or by telephone at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Such notice, if the meeting is called otherwise than by the Clerk or Secretary, may be a copy of the call of the meeting; and if the meeting is not so otherwise called, such notice given by the Clerk or Secretary shall constitute a call of the meeting by him. If the Clerk or Secretary refuses or neglects for more than twenty-four hours after receipt of a call to give notice of such special meeting, or if the offices of Clerk and Secretary are vacant or the Clerk and

Secretary are absent from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or incapacitated, such notice may be given by the officer or one of the Directors calling the meeting. Notice need not be given to any Director if a written waiver of notice, executed by him before or after the meeting, is filed with the records of the meeting, or to any Director who attends the meeting without protesting prior thereto or at its commencement the lack of notice to him. A notice or waiver of notice of a Directors' meeting need not specify the purposes of the meeting.

Section 12. Quorum. At any meeting of the Directors a majority of the Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided always that any number of Directors (whether one or more and whether or not constituting a quorum) constituting a majority of Directors present at any meeting or at any adjourned meeting may make any reasonable adjournment thereof.

Section 13. Action at Meeting. At any meeting of the Directors at which a quorum is present, the action of the Directors on any matter brought before the meeting shall be decided by vote of a majority of those present, unless a different vote is required by law, the Articles of Organization, or these By-Laws.

Section 14. Action by Written Consent. Any action by the Directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent thereto is signed by all the Directors and filed with the records of the Directors' meetings. Such consent shall be treated as a vote of the Directors for all purposes.

Section 15. Committees. The Directors may, by vote of a majority of the number of Directors then in office, elect from their number an executive or other committees and may, by like vote, delegate thereto some or all of their powers except those which by law, the Articles of Organization or these By-Laws they are prohibited from delegating. Except as the Directors may otherwise determine, any such committee may make rules for the conduct of its business, but unless otherwise provided by the Directors or in such rules, its business shall be conducted as nearly as may be in the same manner as is provided by these By-Laws for the Directors. The Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies in, change the membership of, or to disband, any such committee.

Section 16. Telephone Conference Meetings. The Directors or the members of any committee may participate in a meeting of the Directors or such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Section 17. Membership Requirements. The Directors are required to attend at least one volunteer event per calendar year. Event dates shall be provided to Directors by the Executive Director. Directors are responsible for making their donations and annual giving in an amount that is meaningful to them. Board members will make

BackYard Growers one of their philanthropic priorities. Attendance at four of the six Board meetings is mandatory. Attendance at the annual meeting is mandatory. In the spirit of Ambassadorship, Directors will invite, and sponsor when able, others to attend BYG events.

ARTICLE III Officers

Section 1. Enumeration. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Treasurer, a Clerk, and such Vice Presidents, Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Clerks, Secretary, Assistant Secretaries and other officers as may from time to time be determined by the Directors. The Board of Directors may appoint one of its Directors to the office of Chairman of the Board and from time to time define the powers and duties of that office.

Section 2. Election and Vacancies. The President, Treasurer and Clerk shall be elected biannually by the Directors at their annual meeting or the special meeting held in lieu thereof. Other officers may be chosen by the Directors at such meeting or at any other meeting. Any vacancy at any time existing in any office may be filled by the Directors at any meeting and such successor in office shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 3. Qualification. The President may, but need not be, a Director. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. The Clerk shall be a resident of Massachusetts unless the corporation has a resident agent appointed for the purpose of service of process. Any officer may be required by the Directors to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties to the corporation in such amount and with such sureties as the Directors may determine. The premiums for such bonds may be paid by the corporation.

Section 4. Tenure. Except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Organization or by these By-Laws, the President, Treasurer and Clerk shall each hold office until the next annual meeting of Directors, or the special meeting held in lieu thereof, and thereafter until his successor is chosen and qualified. Other officers shall hold office until the next annual meeting of Directors, or the special meeting held in lieu thereof, unless a shorter term is specified in the vote choosing or appointing them.

Section 5. Resignation. Any officer may resign by delivering his written resignation to the corporation at its principal office or to the President or Clerk, and such resignation shall be effective upon receipt unless it is specified to be effective at some other time or upon the happening of some other event.

Section 6. Removal. The Directors may remove any officer appointed by the Directors with or without cause by a vote of a majority of the entire number of Directors

then in office; provided, that an officer may be removed for cause only after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors prior to action thereon.

Section 7. President. The President when present shall preside at all meetings of the Directors. She shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation except as the Board of Directors may otherwise provide. It shall be her duty and she shall have the power to see that all orders and resolutions of the Directors are carried into effect. She shall from time to time report to the Directors all matters within his knowledge which the interests of the corporation may require to be brought to their notice. The President shall perform such duties and have such powers additional to the foregoing as the Directors shall designate.

Section 8. Vice Presidents. In the absence or disability of the President, his powers and duties shall be performed by the Vice President, if only one, or, if more than one, by the one designated for the purpose by the Directors. Each Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Directors shall from time to time designate. The Directors may assign to any Vice President the title of Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President and any other title selected by the Directors.

Section 9. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall, subject to the direction of the Directors, have general oversight of the financial affairs of the corporation and shall cause to be kept accurate books of accounts. He shall promptly render to the President and to the Directors such statements of his transactions and accounts as the President and Directors respectively may from time to time require. The Treasurer shall perform such duties and have such powers additional to the foregoing as the Directors may designate.

Section 10. Assistant Treasurers. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, his powers and duties shall be performed by the Assistant Treasurer, if only one, or, if more than one, by the one designated for the purpose by the Directors. Each Assistant Treasurer shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Directors shall from time to time designate.

Section 11. Clerk. The Clerk shall record in books kept for the purpose all votes and proceedings of the Directors at their meetings. The Clerk shall perform such duties and have such powers additional to the foregoing as the Directors shall designate.

Section 12. Assistant Clerks. In the absence of the Clerk from any meeting of the Directors or, the Assistant Clerk, if one be elected, or, if there be more than one designated for the purpose by the Directors, otherwise a Temporary Clerk designated by the person presiding at the meeting, shall perform the duties of the Clerk. Each Assistant Clerk shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Directors may from time to time designate.

Section 13. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. The Secretary and each Assistant Secretary, if elected, shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE IV Inspection of Records

Books, accounts, documents and records of the corporation shall be open to inspection by any Director at all times during the usual hours of business. The original, or attested copies, of the Articles of Organization, By-Laws and records of all meetings of the incorporators and Directors, and records which shall contain the names of all Directors and their record addresses, shall be kept in Massachusetts at the principal office of the corporation, or at an office of the Clerk or the resident agent, if any, of the corporation. Said copies and records need not all be kept in the same office.

ARTICLE V Checks, Notes, Drafts and Other Instruments

Checks, notes, drafts and other instruments for the payment of money drawn or endorsed in the name of the corporation may be signed by any officer or officers or person or persons authorized by the Directors to sign the same. No officer or person shall sign any such instrument as aforesaid unless authorized by the Directors to do so.

ARTICLE VI Seal

The seal of the corporation shall be circular in form, bearing its name, the word "Massachusetts," and the year of its incorporation. The Treasurer shall have custody of the seal and may affix it (as may any other officer if authorized by the Directors) to any instrument requiring the corporate seal.

ARTICLE VII Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the year ending with December 31st in each year.

ARTICLE VIII Interested Directors and Officers

The Directors shall have the power to fix their compensation from time to time. No contract or transaction between the corporation and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are directors or

officers, or have a financial or other interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose, nor shall any Director or officer be under any liability to the corporation on account of any such contract or transaction if:

(i) The material facts as to his relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Directors or the committee, and the Board or committee authorized the contract or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of the disinterested Directors even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum; or

(ii) The contract or transaction is fair as to the corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof.

Common or interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorizes the contract or transaction, and their votes may be counted for the purpose of a vote by the Directors approving such contract or transaction.

ARTICLE IX Indemnification

The corporation shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify any person serving or who has served as a Director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation, or at its request as a Director, officer, employee or other agent of any organization, or at its request in any capacity with respect to any employee benefit plan, against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees, reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which he may be involved or with which he may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, by reason of his being or having been such a Director or officer (or in any capacity with respect to any employee benefit plan), except with respect to any matter as to which he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the corporation (or, to the extent that such matter relates to service with respect to an employee benefit plan, in the best interest of the participants or beneficiaries of such employee benefit plan); provided, however, that as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by such person, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no indemnification either for said payment or for any other expenses shall be provided unless such compromise and indemnification therefor shall be approved:

(i) by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of disinterested Directors;

(ii) if such a quorum cannot be obtained, then by a majority vote of a committee of the Board of Directors consisting of all the disinterested Directors;

(iii) if there are not two or more disinterested Directors in office, then by a majority of the Directors then in office, provided they have obtained a written finding by special independent legal counsel appointed by a majority of the Directors to the effect that, based upon a reasonable investigation of the relevant facts as described in such opinion, the person to be indemnified appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the corporation (or, to the extent that such matter relates to service with respect to an employee benefit plan, in the best interests of the participants or beneficiaries of such employee benefit plan); or

(iv) by a court of competent jurisdiction.

If authorized in the manner specified above for compromise payments, expenses including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by any such person in connection with the defense or disposition of any such action, suit or other proceeding may be paid from time to time by the corporation in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of (a) an affidavit of such individual of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification under this Article, and (b) an undertaking by such individual to repay the amounts so paid to the corporation if it is ultimately determined that indemnification for such expenses is not authorized by law or under this Article, which undertaking may be accepted without reference to the financial ability of such person to make repayment.

If both the corporation and any person to be indemnified are parties to an action, suit or proceeding (other than an action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor), counsel representing the corporation therein may also represent such indemnified person (unless such dual representation would involve such counsel in a conflict of interest in violation of applicable principles of professional ethics), and the corporation shall pay all fees and expenses of such counsel incurred during the period of dual representation other than those, if any, as would not have been incurred if counsel were representing only the corporation; and any allocation made in good faith by such counsel of fees and disbursements payable under this paragraph by the corporation versus fees and disbursements payable by any such indemnified person shall be final and binding upon the corporation and such indemnified person.

The right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to which any such indemnified person may be entitled. Nothing contained in this Article shall affect any rights to indemnification to which corporate personnel other than the persons designated in this Article may be entitled by contract, by vote of the Board of Directors, or otherwise under law.

As used in this Article the terms “person,” “Director,” “officer,” “employee,” and “agent” include their respective heirs, executors and administrators, and an “interested” Director or officer is one against whom in such capacity the proceedings in question or other proceedings on the same or similar grounds is then pending.

If any term or provision of this Article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Article, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Article shall be held valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE X Amendments

The Directors may make, amend, or repeal these By-Laws, in whole or in part.

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