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**Employer Identification Number:**

38-3022945

**Person to Contact - ID Number:**

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**Contact Telephone Number:**

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**Form 990 Required:**

Yes

Dear Sir or Madam:

In your letter dated February 11, 2014, you requested classification as a public charity described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In our letter dated April 1992, we determined that you were exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. We further determined that you weren't a private foundation and you were classified as a public charity described in section(s) 509(a)(3) of the Code.

Based on the information you provided, we determined you meet the requirements for classification as a public charity described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code.

Accordingly, we have updated your public charity status in our records as you requested.

Since your exempt status wasn't under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Grantors and contributors may generally rely on this determination of your foundation status unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice that you are no longer recognized as tax exempt or classified as a public charity in the Internal Revenue Bulletin. However, if a grantor or contributor takes any action, or fails to take any action, which causes you to lose your exempt status or causes you to be reclassified as a private foundation, that party cannot rely on this determination. Furthermore, a contributor or grantor who knows that the Internal Revenue Service has notified you of any change in your exempt status or foundation status cannot rely on this determination.

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative indicated on Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, *Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities*, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and/or foundation status, you should keep it with your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara Ripperda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'T'.

Director, Exempt Organizations