

Part II. Activities and Operational Information (Must be completed by all applicants)

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

The applicant, Mountainview Neighborhood Organization (MNO), is an organization formed several years ago (and recently Incorporated as a California nonprofit public benefit corporation) by the residents of a neighborhood located within the City of Palm Springs called Mountainview. The Mountainview neighborhood has well defined physical boundaries approved by the the Palm Springs City Manager.

The primary purpose of MNO is civic in nature - to provide Mountainview's residents with the ability to effect local public policy, to create and promote a better quality of life for its residents within the neighborhood and to represent its residents before all levels of city government in matters that affect the overall quality of life both for Mountainview residents and all citizens residing within Palm Springs.

The affairs of MNO are managed by its Board of Directors, whose members are elected by the MNO members at the organization's annual meeting. Communication and the interaction of MNO residents with public officials, including the City Council, the City's various boards and commissions, as well as City staff, is a major, ongoing task for MNO and its leaders. In essence, MNO and other City neighborhood organizations together with the City form a public/private partnership to build consensus on matters of civic and social substantive importance affecting the quality of life within the City.

MNO, on behalf of Mountainview's residents, has developed, and is continuing to develop, solutions to matters of grave significance to its neighborhood and the City at large. Either by initiating action or responding to governmental proposals and programs, MNO has directly participated in the decision making process on such matters as regulating vacation home rentals, handling the problem of homelessness, providing input to the Planning Commission and City Council on the overall plan for a major downtown redevelopment, participating in the sponsorship of nonpartisan candidate forums for local candidates for office, sponsoring major neighborhood beautification and clean-up efforts, enhancing neighborhood safety and security by working with the local police department through a neighborhood security liaison, enabling its residents to receive emergency preparedness training through the City's fire department and notifying residents about all matters before the Palm Springs City government that generally have an impact on civic life and more specifically on the neighborhood itself.

MNO is a member of the citywide umbrella organization called Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs consisting of approximately 40 similar neighborhood organizations, within which the respective organizations can discuss and provide a citizens' perspective for the City's elected and appointed officials in all matters of civic importance. MNO also provides volunteers to assist with citywide programs and activities and makes contributions to meritorious public charities with the greater Palm Springs community.

- 2 List the organization's present and future sources of financial support, beginning with the largest source first.

The primary source of MNO's support is typically derived from contributions from its own residents. MNO may occasionally have small fund raising events such as [garage sales and house and house and garden tours]. MNO is also able to seek a small annual reimbursement for administration expenses from a neighborhood account established with the City budget for neighborhood organizations like MNO.