# **CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2014 and 2013** 

# CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

September 17, 2015

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Citizens Commission on Human Rights Los Angeles, California

# Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Citizens Commission on Human Rights (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness

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of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Citizens Commission on Human Rights of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NSBN LLP

Beverly Hills, California



# CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2014 and 2013

ASSETS	_	2014	-	2013
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables, net Deposits and other assets Donated assets Inventory Property and equipment, net	\$ 	127,847 15,517 695,867 66,822 43,879 32,722	<b>\$</b>	151,749 16,444 11,038 61,460 57,313 36,705
TOTAL ASSETS	\$=	982,654	\$_	334,709
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  Due to related party	\$ _	20,695 -	\$_	31,602 93,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	20,695	_	125,527
NET ASSETS - unrestricted	_	961,959	_	209,182
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$_	982,654	\$_	334,709

# CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

		Program Services					Supporting		
	Hotline for Psychiatric Abuse	Lobbying	Public Awareness and Information Campaign	Educational Publications	Research	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Expenses
Salaries and employee benefits Payroll taxes	\$ 111,554 \$ 9,896 121,450	72,464 5,994 78,458	396,086 \$ 32,964 429,050	176,801 \$ 14,815 191,616	168,257 \$ 14,057 182,314	925,162 77,726 1,002,888	91,377 \$ 8,106 99,483	104,118 9,237 113,355	1,120,657 95,069 1,215,726
Contributions to affiliated organizations	-	-	8,950	-	-	8,950	-	-	8,950
Cost of materials sold	-	-		27,114	-	27,114	-	-	27,114
Donation of materials	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Fundraising commissions	-	-	-	-	-		-	63,849	63,849
Insurance	2,998	2,055	17,638	5,362	3,023	31,076	3,997	3,446	38,519
Maintenance	613	453	4,629	1,214	454	7,363	1,023	792	9,178
Office and administrative	899	545	10,406	4,663	12,066	28,579	7,885	39,647	76,111
Postage and shipping	940	569	40,032	5,595	1,335	48,471	770	877	50,118
Printing and promotion	95	154	877,089	4,303	135	881,776	78	4,349	886,203
Professional fees	-	-	2,000	•	1,575	3,575	30,961	10,029	44,565
Rent	26,620	19,635	200,884	61,072	19,692	327,903	44,404	34,350	406,657
Staff Training	392	237	1,304	586	556	3,075	321	2,200	5,596
Special events costs	-	-	230,327	-	-	230,327	-	25,379	255,706
Taxes, dues and fees	25	16	12,356	39	193	12,629	279	186	13,094
Telephone	4,415	2,674	14,706	6,609	6,271	34,675	3,616	4,121	42,412
Travel	58	3,399	8,463	86	82	12,088	1,486	54	13,628
Utilities	4,477	3,302	33,782	8,856	3,312	53,729	7,467	5,776	66,972
Total expenses before depreciation	162,982	111,497	1,891,616	317,115	231,008	2,714,218	201,770	308,410	3,224,398
Depreciation	817_	603	6,167	1,617	605	9,809	1,363_	1,054	12,226
Total Expenses	\$163,799_\$	112,100	1,897,783 \$	318,732 \$	231,613 \$	2,724,027 \$	203,133 \$	309,464	3,236,624

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	Program Services					Supportir	Supporting Services		
	Hotline for Psychiatric Abuse	Lobbying	Public Awareness and Informatior Campaign	e Educational Publications	Research	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Expenses
Salaries and employee benefits Payroll taxes	\$ 77,897 7,630 85,527	\$ 66,834 6,019 72,853	\$ 371,168 33,718 404,886	\$ 158,747 14,494 173,241	\$ 138,090 12,471 150,561	\$ 812,736 74,332 887,068	\$ 93,581 9,167 102,748	\$ 85,040 8,330 93,370	\$ 991,357 91,829 1,083,186
Contributions to other Scientology organizations Cost of materials sold Fundraising commissions	-	- -	96,000	33,091 2,426	- - -	96,000 33,091 2,426	-	-	96,000 33,091 2,426
Insurance Maintenance	2,063	- 1,568	- 12,714	4,009	- 2,342	22,696	- 3,015	98,468 2,481	98,468 28,192
Office and administrative Postage and shipping	777 508	573 401	5,861 9,540	1,537 2,419	575 10,564	9,323 23,432	1,295 11,217	1,002 45,679	11,620 80,328
Printing and promotion Professional fees	1,070 202	8 <b>44</b> 15,785	4,924 933,045	1,276 9,069	1,749 331	9,863 958,432 64,301	1,286 243 38,916	8,693 13,382 11,384	19,842 972,057 114,601
Rent Special events costs Taxes, dues and fees	26,486 3,986	5,503 19,536 3,144	36,181 199,873 17,615	59,697 7,572	22,617 19,593 6,515	325,185 38,832	44,180 4,789	34,177 4,352	403,542 47,973
Telephone Travel	- 70	- 55	239,045 5,416	958	25,111	239,045 31,610	236	6,529 336	245,574 32,182
Utilities	3,651 57	2,880 9,568	16,132 11,828	6,934 108	5,966 93	35,563 21,654	4,386 316	3,985 62	43,934 22,032
Total expenses before depreciation	4,071	3,003	30,723	8,054	3,012	48,863	6,791	5,253	60,907 3,395,955
Depreciation  Total Expenses	128,468	135,713	2,023,783	310,391	249,029	2,847,384	219,418	329,153 951	11,030
	\$ 129,205	\$ 136,257	\$ 2,029,347	\$ 311,850	\$ 249,574	\$ 2,856,233	\$ 220,648	\$330,104	\$3,406,985

# Note 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -

# Description of Reporting Entity-

Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) is a California, tax-exempt, nonprofit, public benefit corporation dedicated to investigating and exposing psychiatric violations of human rights. As a research and educational organization, CCHR's primary goal is to provide the general public with the facts they need for a better understanding of the social medical, economic and legal effects of certain psychiatric practices and treatments. It also seeks to protect the public against increasing encroachment on individual rights and civil liberties that result from psychiatry's impingement on society.

CCHR's objectives are to bring these matters to the attention of the public and relevant governmental entities and to encourage a more responsible approach to mental healing that respects human and civil rights of all individuals concerned.

CCHR achieves its goals through extensive educational and outreach activities. It conducts research, publishes educational literature, serves as an international informational clearinghouse, hosts educational events, and engages in other public outreach and educational activities, including providing tours of its permanent museum, Psychiatry, the Industry of Death Museum.

# Tax Exempt Status-

CCHR is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3). CCHR is also recognized by the California Franchise Tax Board as exempt from California Corporation Franchise Tax under Section 23772(a)(2)(A)(i) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and exempt from income tax under Section 2370(1)(d). CCHR qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

### Income Taxes-

CCHR files Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, and Form 199, California Exempt Organization Annual Information Return.

CCHR has evaluated its tax positions and the certainty as to whether those tax positions will be sustained in the event of an audit by taxing authorities at the federal and state level It has determined that all income tax positions are more likely than not (greater than 50% chance) of being sustained upon potential audit or examination; therefore, no recognition or disclosure of uncertain income tax positions is required in the financial statements.

With few exceptions, CCHR is no longer subject to U.S. federal and state examinations by tax authorities for years before 2011 and 2010, respectively.

# Note 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

# Basis of Accounting-

The financial statements of CCHR have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to nonprofit organizations.

### Basis of Presentation-

The financial statements of CCHR have been presented in accordance with the AICPA's Audit and Accounting Guide, "Not-For-Profit Organizations." The accounting policies followed are described below.

#### Net Asset Classes-

The accompanying financial statements present information regarding CCHR's financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted. The three classes are differentiated by donor restrictions:

#### a- Unrestricted

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions, or donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met within the same reporting period.

# b- Temporarily Restricted

Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed time or use restrictions that have not been met as of year-end. Temporarily restricted net assets are restricted for time (e.g., multi-year pledges) or specific programs. There were no temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

# c- Permanently Restricted

Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that are maintained permanently. There were no permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

# Functional Expense Allocation-

The costs of providing CCHR's programs and the supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities, and in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated between program and supporting services in reasonable ratios determined by management.

# Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements -

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Note 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

# Cash and Cash Equivalents-

Cash and cash equivalents include all funds in banks and highly liquid investments in other financial institutions, with initial maturity of three months or less. The carrying value approximates fair value.

# Inventory-

Inventory is stated at lower of cost or market; cost is determined by the average cost method. Inventory consists of public awareness and/or educational booklets, pamphlets and books, as well as insignia promoting the museum. Shipping costs are expensed when paid.

#### Fair value measurements-

CCHR adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASC number 820-10, Fair Value Measurements, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The standard provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on an exit price between market participants in an orderly transaction as prescribed by ASC number 820-10. The standard also prioritizes, within the measurement of fair value, the use of market-based information over entity-specific information and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on the transparency of information used in the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- Level I Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date. The type of investments in Level I include listed equities held in the name of the Organization, and exclude listed equities and other securities held indirectly through commingled funds.
- Level II Pricing inputs, including broker quotes, are generally those other than exchange quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models of other valuation methodologies.
- Level III Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and includes situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. Investments that are included in this category generally include privately held investments and partnership interests.

# Note 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

# Property and equipment-

Property and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation is computed using primarily the straight-line method, with the following estimated useful lives:

	YEARS
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Furniture and equipment	5-7
Display fixtures	7
Software	3

Expenditures for maintenance, repairs, and renewals of minor items are charged to expense as incurred. Major renewals and improvements are capitalized. Upon disposition, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss is reflected in operations for the period.

#### Donated assets-

Non-cash donations are recorded as contributions at fair market value at the time of donation.

# Receivables-

Receivables represent amounts owed to CCHR by CCHR chapters for license fees and by donors for pledged unconditional promises to give. The receivables are stated at fair value net of allowances.

# Subsequent events-

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 17, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Note 2 DONATED ASSETS

Donated assets consisted of non-cash donations. These donated assets are recorded as contributions at the fair market value at the time of donation. The fair value of the donated assets has been measured on a nonrecurring basis using quoted prices for similar assets in inactive markets (Level II inputs).

# Note 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The fair value measurements and levels within the fair value hierarchy of those measurements for the assets reported at fair value at December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

		Fair Value	Level I		Level II		Level III
	Measured on a Nonrecurring Basis at December 31, 2014						
	Donated assets	\$ 66,822 \$	<u> </u>	\$_	66,822	\$_	-
	Measured on a Nonrecurring Basis at December 31, 2013						
	Donated assets	\$ <u>61,460</u> \$		\$_	61,460	\$_	<u> </u>
Note 4	RECEIVABLES				2014		2013
	License fees receivable Pledges receivable	e		\$	30,109 925	\$	32,638 250
					31,034		32,888
	Less allowance for dou	btful accounts		-	(15,517)	-	(16,444)
				\$_	15,517	\$_	16,444
Note 5	PROPERTY AND EQUIPME	NT			2014		2013
	Furniture and equipme Display fixtures Software	nt		\$	1,283,242 720,420 49,509	\$	1,289,318 720,420 49,509
					2,053,171		2,059,247
	Less accumulated dep	reciation		- \$_	32,722	\$_	(2,022,542) 36,705
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# Note 6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

CCHR is affiliated with Church of Scientology International (CSI) and Social Betterment Properties Incorporated (SBPI), both of which are tax-exempt nonprofit corporations.

CCHR is related to all CCHR chapters globally and all license fees receivable are from related parties.

CCHR occupies a facility owned by SBPI, rent free. The approximate fair value of the monthly rent was estimated to be \$32,460, which is included in contributions and rent expenses in the statement of activities.

Included in printing and promotion are dissemination expenses paid to related parties in the amount of \$823,916 and \$654,505, in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Included in contribution from related party are CCHR's operating expenses paid by CSI in the amount of \$27,528 and \$57,475, in 2014 and 2013, respectively. CSI also contributed \$121,801 in 2014 to CCHR for liability insurance premiums, which included prior year unpaid liability insurance premium of \$93,925.

Included in deposits and other assets are prepaid dissemination expenses paid to CSI in the amount of \$687,177 in 2014. There were no prepaid dissemination expenses in 2013.

#### Note 7 CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Cash and cash equivalents include approximately \$574,650 in excess of insured limits as of December 31, 2014. Cash balances did no exceed the FDIC insured limits at December 31, 2013.