

# CHAR500

NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations  
www.CharitiesNYS.com

Send with fee and attachments to:  
NYS Office of the Attorney General  
Charities Bureau Registration Section  
28 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10005

## 2017

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### 1. General Information

For Fiscal Year Beginning (mm/dd/yyyy) **01/01/2017** and Ending (mm/dd/yyyy) **12/31/2017**

Check if Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Final Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Reg ID Pending	Name of Organization: <b>DEMOCRACY WORKS, INC.</b>	Employer Identification Number (EIN): <b>27-2460359</b>
	Mailing Address: <b>20 JAY STREET, NO. 840</b>	NY Registration Number: <b>42-84-09</b>
	City / State / ZIP: <b>BROOKLYN, NY 11201</b>	Telephone: <b>718 923-1400</b>
	Website: <b>DEMOCRACY.WORKS</b>	Email:

Check your organization's registration category: ☐ 7A only ☐ EPTL only ☒ DUAL (7A & EPTL) ☐ EXEMPT\* Confirm your Registration Category in the Charities Registry at www.CharitiesNYS.com.

### 2. Certification

See instructions for certification requirements. Improper certification is a violation of law that may be subject to penalties. The certification requires two signatories.

*We certify under penalties of perjury that we reviewed this report, including all attachments, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to this report.*

President or Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Print Name and Title

Date

Chief Financial Officer or Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Print Name and Title

Date

### 3. Annual Reporting Exemption

Check the exemption(s) that apply to your filing. If your organization is claiming an exemption under one category (7A or EPTL only filers) or both categories (DUAL filers) that apply to your registration, complete only parts 1, 2, and 3, and submit the certified Char500. No fee, schedules, or additional attachments are required. If you cannot claim an exemption or are a DUAL filer that claims only one exemption, you must file applicable schedules and attachments and pay applicable fees.

☐ 3a. 7A filing exemption: Total contributions from NY State including residents, foundations, government agencies, etc. did not exceed \$25,000 and the organization did not engage a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) to solicit contributions during the fiscal year.

☐ 3b. EPTL filing exemption: Gross receipts did not exceed \$25,000 and the market value of assets did not exceed \$25,000 at any time during the fiscal year.

### 4. Schedules and Attachments

See the following page for a checklist of schedules and attachments to complete your filing.

☒ Yes ☐ No 4a. Did your organization use a professional fund raiser, fund raising counsel or commercial co-venturer for fund raising activity in NY State? If yes, complete Schedule 4a.

☐ Yes ☒ No 4b. Did the organization receive government grants? If yes, complete Schedule 4b.

### 5. Fee

See the checklist on the next page to calculate your fee(s). Indicate fee(s) you are submitting here:	7A filing fee: \$ <u>25.</u>	EPTL filing fee: \$ <u>100.</u>	Total fee: \$ <u>125.</u>	Make a single check or money order payable to: <b>"Department of Law"</b>
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\*The "Exempt" category refers to an organization's NYS registration status. It does not refer to its IRS tax designation.

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## Annual Filing Checklist

Simply submit the certified CHAR500 with no fee, schedule, or additional attachments IF:

- Your organization is registered as 7A only and you marked the 7A filing exemption in Part 3.
- Your organization is registered as EPTL only and you marked the EPTL filing exemption in Part 3.
- Your organization is registered as DUAL and you marked both the 7A and EPTL filing exemption in Part 3.

**Checklist of Schedules and Attachments**

Check the schedules you must submit with your CHAR500 as described in Part 4:

- ☒ If you answered "yes" in Part 4a, submit Schedule 4a: Professional Fund Raisers (PFR), Fund Raising Counsel (FRC), Commercial Co-Venturers (CCV)
- ☐ If you answered "yes" in Part 4b, submit Schedule 4b: Government Grants

Check the financial attachments you must submit with your CHAR500:

- ☒ IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF, and 990-T if applicable
- ☒ All additional IRS Form 990 Schedules, including Schedule B (Schedule of Contributors). Schedule B of public charities is exempt from disclosure and will not be available for public review.
- ☐ Our organization was eligible for and filed an IRS 990-N e-postcard. Our revenue exceeded \$25,000 and/or our assets exceeded \$25,000 in the filing year. We have included an IRS Form 990-EZ for state purposes only.

If you are a 7A only or DUAL filer, submit the applicable independent Certified Public Accountant's Review or Audit Report:

- ☐ Review Report if you received total revenue and support greater than \$250,000 and up to \$750,000.
- ☒ Audit Report if you received total revenue and support greater than \$750,000
- ☐ No Review Report or Audit Report is required because total revenue and support is less than \$250,000
- ☐ We are a DUAL filer and checked box 3a, no Review Report or Audit Report is required

**Calculate Your Fee**

For 7A and DUAL filers, calculate the 7A fee:

- ☐ \$0, if you checked the 7A exemption in Part 3a
- ☒ \$25, if you did not check the 7A exemption in Part 3a

For EPTL and DUAL filers, calculate the EPTL fee:

- ☐ \$0, if you checked the EPTL exemption in Part 3b
- ☐ \$25, if the NET WORTH is less than \$50,000
- ☐ \$50, if the NET WORTH is \$50,000 or more but less than \$250,000
- ☒ \$100, if the NET WORTH is \$250,000 or more but less than \$1,000,000
- ☐ \$250, if the NET WORTH is \$1,000,000 or more but less than \$10,000,000
- ☐ \$750, if the NET WORTH is \$10,000,000 or more but less than \$50,000,000
- ☐ \$1500, if the NET WORTH is \$50,000,000 or more

**Send Your Filing**

Send your CHAR500, all schedules and attachments, and total fee to:

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Need Assistance?

Visit: [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com)  
Call: (212) 416-8401  
Email: [Charities.Bureau@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Charities.Bureau@ag.ny.gov)

**Is my Registration Category 7A, EPTL, DUAL or EXEMPT?**

Organizations are assigned a Registration Category upon registration with the NY Charities Bureau:

**7A** filers are registered to solicit contributions in New York under Article 7-A of the Executive Law ("7A")**EPTL** filers are registered under the Estates, Powers & Trusts Law ("EPTL") because they hold assets and/or conduct activities for charitable purposes in NY.**DUAL** filers are registered under both 7A and EPTL.**EXEMPT** filers have registered with the NY Charities Bureau and meet conditions in **Schedule E - Registration Exemption for Charitable Organizations**. These organizations are not required to file annual financial reports but may do so voluntarily.Confirm your Registration Category and learn more about NY law at [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com).**Where do I find my organization's NET WORTH?**

NET WORTH for fee purposes is calculated on:

- IRS Form 990 Part I, line 22
- IRS Form 990 EZ Part I, line 21
- IRS Form 990 PF, calculate the difference between Total Assets at Fair Market Value (Part II, line 16(c)) and Total Liabilities (Part II, line 23(b)).

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Schedule 4a: Professional Fund Raisers, Fund Raising Counsels, Commercial Co-Venturers  
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If you checked the box in question 4a in Part 4 on the CHAR500 Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations, complete this schedule for EACH Professional Fund Raiser (PFR), Fund Raising Counsel (FRC) or Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV) that the organization engaged for fund raising activity in NY State. The PFR or FRC should provide its NY Registration Number to you. Include this schedule with your certified CHAR500 NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations and use additional pages if necessary.

## Definitions

A **Professional Fund Raiser (PFR)**, in addition to other activities, conducts solicitation of contributions and/or handles the donations (Article 7A, 171-a.4).

A **Fund Raising Counsel (FRC)** does not solicit or handle contributions but limits activities to advising or assisting a charitable organization to perform such functions for itself (Article 7A, 171-a.9).

A **Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV)** is an individual or for-profit company that is regularly and primarily engaged in trade or commerce other than raising funds for a charitable organization and who advertises that the purchase or use of goods, services, entertainment or any other thing of value will benefit a charitable organization (Article 7A, 171-a.6).

**Professional fund raising** does not include activities by an organization's development staff, volunteers, or a grantwriter who has been hired solely to draft applications for funding from a government agency or tax exempt organization.

## 1. Organization Information

Name of Organization:	NY Registration Number:
DEMOCRACY WORKS, INC.	42-84-09

## 2. Professional Fund Raiser, Fund Raising Counsel, Commercial Co-Venturer Information

Fund Raising Professional type:	Name of FRP:	NY Registration Number:
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Fund Raiser	PSDC, INC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Counsel	Mailing Address:	Telephone:
	3413 N STREET, NW	202-421-8402
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Co-Venturer	City / State / ZIP:	
	WASHINGTON	

## 3. Contract Information

Contract Start Date:	Contract End Date:
05/01/2017	12/31/2017

## 4. Description of Services

Services provided by FRP:

CULTIVATION OF MAJOR GIFTS AND ASSISTANCE IN GRANT WRITING, STRATEGIC ORGANIZING, INTRO TO FOUNDATIONS AND MAJOR DONORS

## 5. Description of Compensation

Compensation arrangement with FRP:	Amount Paid to FRP:
MONTHLY RETAINER PER CONTRACT	63,700.

## 6. Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV) Report

☐ Yes ☐ No If services were provided by a CCV, did the CCV provide the charitable organization with the interim or closing report(s) required by Section 173(a) part 3 of the Executive Law Article 7A?