

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

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

2017

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning **January 01**, 2017, and ending **December 31**, 20 17

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization: **Florida Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: **2293 Aurora Road**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **Melbourne, FL 32935**

D Employer identification number: **02-0633544**

E Telephone number: **321-863-5165**

F Group Exemption Number: **06**

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ **www.fprhcc.org**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

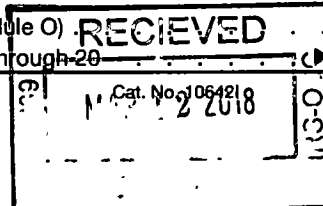
K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **17,487.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	5,400
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	5,250
	4	Investment income	4	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	6,837	
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	5,132	
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	1,705	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	12,355	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	385
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	6,474
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,263
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	4,427
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	13,549
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-1,194
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	4,205
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	3,011

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)			
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22 Cash, savings, and investments	11	22	817
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,794	24	6,123
25 Total assets	4,805	25	6,940
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	600	26	3,929
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	4,205	27	3,011

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)		Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others.)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III <input type="checkbox"/>		
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?		
Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.		
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		28a
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		29a
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)				
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV <input type="checkbox"/>				
(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Samuel C. Lopez Chairman	40	0	0	0
Edwin Santos Director	3	0	0	0
Luis A. Torre Director	3	0	0	0
Ray Rodriguez Director/Treasurer	3	0	0	0
Ashley M. Torres Secretary	3	0	0	0
Terry Muller President	3	0	0	0
Augustus William Director	3	0	0	0
Omar D. Crespo Director	3	0	0	0
Dr. Nelly Cardinale Director	3	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		✓
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		✓
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		✓
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Florida		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Samue C. Lopez Telephone no. ▶ 321-863-5165 Located at ▶ 2293 Aurora Road, Melbourne, Florida ZIP + 4 ▶ 32935		
b	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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	Yes	No
			✓
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 <input type="checkbox"/>		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		✓
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		✓
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		✓

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 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	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving more than \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must complete Schedule A

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 provided to the preparer.

Sign Here	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;"> Signature of officer </div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;"> SAMUEL C LOPEZ Type or print name and title </div>
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name _____ Preparer's signature _____	Firm's name ▶ _____ Firm's address ▶ _____
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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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 990-EZ.
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Name of the organization

Florida Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Inc.,

Employer identification number

02-063354

Form 990 Ez Part 1

Line 16-Other Expenses:

Account **Amount**

Networking Expenses \$2,592

Travel Expense \$1,345

Co-Sponsorship Donation \$490

Total Line 16 **\$4,427**

Part 11 Line 24-End of Year-Other Assets:

Account **Amount**

Furniture and Fixtures \$1,928

Account Receivables \$4,195

Total Line 24 **\$6,123**

Part 11 Line 25-End of Year -Liabilities:

U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc., Exchange a/c- total \$33,929