



## Nonprofit Organizations Practice

Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel has one of the most comprehensive and experienced nonprofit organizations practices in Silicon Valley, assisting tax-exempt entities throughout the Bay Area at all stages of their existence. Our attorneys offer nonprofit organizations expertise in corporate law, trust law, charitable giving, general estate planning, tax law, property law, and the many rules governing public charities, community foundations, and private foundations. When our nonprofit organization clients need other legal services, the experienced attorneys in our firm's full-service practice can handle any issue from intellectual property disputes to health care and hospital law to estate litigation to drafting contracts and agreements.

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Our attorneys are associated with Bay Area nonprofit organizations including: Community Foundation Silicon Valley, CompassPoint Nonprofit Services, Diabetes Society of Santa Clara Valley, Eastfield Ming Quong, Humane Society of Santa Clara Valley, Junior League of San Jose, Peninsula Open Space Trust, San Jose Museum of Art, and San Jose Public Library Foundation.

**We assist nonprofit organizations in a variety of ways including:**

- Pre-incorporation planning
- Director and trustee liability
- Selection of optimal organizational form
- Formation and dissolution of trusts and corporations
- Employment, compensation, and independent contractor issues
- Communications and filings with state Attorneys General, the IRS, and the Franchise Tax Board
- Charitable trust creation and other deferred or planned giving arrangements for donors to nonprofit organizations
- Tax exemption applications
- Bond financing
- Mergers between nonprofit corporations
- Corporate restructuring, trust modification
- Compliance with rules regarding electoral/political activity
- General operating issues, such as leases and agreements

### Representative Clients

Community Foundation Silicon Valley  
Eastfield Ming Quong, Inc.  
East Community Resource Center  
History San Jose  
Hope Rehabilitation Services  
Taylor Family Foundation

