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September 24, 2001

SANKARA EYE FOUNDATION USA  
3175 ARCOLA CT  
SAN JOSE CA 95148-3632

Purpose : CHARITABLE  
Code Section : 23701d  
Form of Organization : Corporation  
Accounting Period Ending: December 31  
Organization Number : 2078211

You are exempt from state franchise or income tax under the section of the Revenue and Taxation Code indicated above.

This decision is based on information you submitted and assumes that your present operations continue unchanged or conform to those proposed in your application. Any change in operation, character, or purpose of the organization must be reported immediately to this office so that we may determine the effect on your exempt status. Any change of name or address must also be reported.

In the event of a change in relevant statutory, administrative, judicial case law, a change in federal interpretation of federal law in cases where our opinion is based upon such an interpretation, or a change in the material facts or circumstances relating to your application upon which this opinion is based, this opinion may no longer be applicable. It is your responsibility to be aware of these changes should they occur. This paragraph constitutes written advice, other than a chief counsel ruling, within the meaning of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 21012(a)(2).

You may be required to file Form 199 (Exempt Organization Annual Information Return) on or before the 15th day of the 5th month (4 1/2 months) after the close of your accounting period. Please see annual instructions with forms for requirements.

You are not required to file state franchise or income tax returns unless you have income subject to the unrelated business income tax under Section 23731 of the Code. In this event, you are required to

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file Form 109 (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return) by the 15th day of the 5th month (4 1/2 months) after the close of your annual accounting period.

Please note that an exemption from federal income or other taxes and other state taxes requires separate applications.

Based on the information you have furnished on the activities of the income years before incorporation and the bylaws of the unincorporated organization, we are satisfied that the post was organized and operated for nonprofit purposes. We are therefore proposing that Account No. 9556220 be closed out as an exempt account, and the Form 199 information returns filed for the pre-incorporation years be accepted.

Please use Corporation No. 2078211 in all future future correspondence with this agency. Thank you for helping us resolve this matter.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Registry of Charitable Trusts.

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BUSINESS ENTITIES SECTION  
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