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Checklist:

Are you and your community committed to the long-term work of a new nonprofit?

Check your commitment with these statements:	Yes	No
I am ready to invest significant amounts of time, energy, and connections into the success of this organization.		
I understand that a nonprofit is a corporation with a structure much like a business.		
I know that the work of a nonprofit goes on for a while. I am ready to support this work for a few years at least.		
I understand that I will not have control over the organization. It is not about me or benefiting my interests, but about serving others.		
I have done considerable research to know about other organizations doing this work and believe that we are complementary to existing efforts.		
I understand that nonprofits are mostly funded by individual donors, and that my family and friends will most likely need to fund this organization, at least in the short term.		
I am part of a group of people (at least 3) ready to serve on the board. They are unrelated and bring different skills.		
I know that there is broader community support for this nonprofit and its mission.		
I am excited about the difference we will be able to make together.		

If you and other key members of your organizing group answer “Yes” to all of these questions, you are ready to start a nonprofit. If you have any concerns as you answer these questions, stop and talk about them.