

501c4 Social-Welfare Fund Appendix A

Public Review Checklist For Social-Welfare Advocacy, Firewalls, And Public-Language Controls

Field	Public Review Value
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Appendix status	Public-review companion appendix for covenant-member review. Planning and review only. Not formation, legal advice, tax advice, solicitation, fundraising, spending authority, program launch, website authorization, or approval that any fund is active.
Related main plan	Paradise Folk School 501c4 Social Welfare Fund Business Plan V1 2026 05 31.docx
V8 relationship	Companion appendix under the covenant-member-approved Paradise Folk School Organizational Business Plan V8.
Source of truth	Local DOCX is the source of truth. Any Google Docs copy must carry the same version, date, status, owner, sharing permissions, and sync rule from the approved DOCX; the DOCX controls if there is a conflict.

1. Public Purpose

This appendix helps public readers, covenant members, and reviewers see how a possible 501c4 Social-Welfare Fund would stay separate from the charitable nonprofit, PAC, and BenefitAll lanes before any future social-welfare operation.

This appendix is written for public review. It explains guardrails in plain language, but it does not create an entity, authorize fundraising, approve spending, launch a program, certify legal compliance, or replace licensed legal, tax, accounting, campaign-finance, securities, insurance, or safeguarding review.

2. Public Reader Summary

Question	Plain Answer
Is this fund active now?	No. This appendix and the related business plan are planning and review documents only.
Can the public send money now?	No. No contribution, dues, investment, payment, or fundraising pathway is opened by this appendix.
Can website language change now?	No. Website copy requires separate source-of-truth approval after covenant-member review.
Who approves action?	Humans approve formation, publication, spending, voting, outreach, contracts, and public claims. AI review is advisory only.

3. What This Fund May Do Later

- Support issue education, civic education, public-policy education, legislative advocacy, and issue-based field organizing where lawful.
- Use approved public summaries and source-reviewed public-policy language.
- Track lobbying and non-lobbying activity if formed and approved.

4. What This Fund Cannot Do Now

- Solicit contributions or claim active 501c4 status.
- Use 501c3 charitable funds, school/youth resources, charitable donor/member lists, restricted gifts, or charitable public pages.
- Endorse or oppose candidates, make independent expenditures, coordinate with campaigns, or operate as a PAC.

5. Activation Checklist

Gate	What Must Be True Before Use	Status
Formation and notice	Separate formation path, EIN if needed, Form 8976 timing, Form 1024-A choice, and governance approval documented.	Pending
Social-welfare purpose	Purpose and activity rules confirm social-welfare lane, not charitable program, school/youth, care, worship, or BenefitAll activity.	Pending
Bank/books	Separate account, activity categories, lobbying/non-lobbying tracking, public-summary categories, and no c3/PAC/BenefitAll commingling.	Pending
Disclaimers	Non-deductibility and public-status language approved before any support request.	Pending
Firewall	Written c3/c4/PAC/BenefitAll separation, staff-time tracking, data-access map, and cost-sharing rules.	Pending
Public language	All public pages, forms, dashboards, CTAs, and issue summaries approved before publication.	Pending

6. Public Language Rules

Safe Public Wording

- Paradise is planning a possible future social-welfare lane for issue education, civic education, public-policy education, and legislative advocacy where lawful.
- This lane is separate from the charitable nonprofit, PAC, and BenefitAll lanes.
- No candidate activity or PAC activity is approved by this appendix.

Do Not Say

- Donate tax-deductibly to our 501c4.
- Paradise endorses or opposes this candidate through the 501c4.
- 501c3 donor/member lists or school resources may be used for advocacy.
- Our lobbying or campaign authority is approved.
- Field ministry, school, care, or worship work operates through this lane.

7. Bank, Books, Records, And Firewall Controls

Control Area	Public Review Rule
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Separate accounts	Each lane needs its own bank account and books before use. No fund may borrow another lane to create public authority.
Approval records	Every future approval must identify owner, lane, amount if money is involved, reviewer, date, status, and public-summary permission.
Public dashboard	Only approved aggregate summaries may appear publicly. Raw ledgers, donor/member data, youth data, incident records, legal notes, and private partner notes stay restricted.
Cross-lane support	Any shared staff, brand, vendor, space, technology, data, or overhead requires written cost-sharing and counsel/accounting review before use.
AI tools	AI may help draft and review. Humans approve publication, outreach, money movement, signatures, votes, role assignment, and source-of-truth changes.

8. Safeguarding And Privacy Triggers

- Youth, school, student-record, guardian-consent, background-check, mandatory-reporting, transportation, food, care, health/access, housing, job-placement, property, incident, and whistleblower topics require separate written review before activity.
- No youth, safeguarding, health/access, incident, whistleblower, student, campaign, customer, or raw cross-lane donor/member data may enter public pages, open Google Docs copies, Discord, AI tools, or dashboards.
- Public materials may use only approved aggregate summaries or de-identified examples after privacy review.
- School-related work requires district/school approval, guardian consent where needed, FERPA-aware handling, accessibility review, insurance review, and approved public wording.

9. Open Legal, Accounting, And Professional Questions

1. When must Form 8976 be filed after formation?
2. Should Form 1024-A be filed?
3. What non-deductibility notice must appear in future solicitations?
4. What lobbying, proxy-tax, or member-notice tracking applies?
5. What cost-sharing and staff-time rules are required between 501c3 and 501c4 lanes?

10. Covenant-Member Review Standard

- PASS means public readers can understand the lane, limits, and approval gates without mistaking the appendix for active authority.
- HOLD means wording is inaccurate, risky, unclear, overpromising, internally inconsistent, or weaker than V8.
- No PASS may be read as legal certification, tax advice, accounting sign-off, securities clearance, campaign-finance clearance, program launch, fundraising permission, or website authorization.

11. Official Reference Points

Topic	Official Source URL
IRS Form 8976	https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/electronically-submit-your-form-8976-notice-of-intent-to-operate-under-section-501c4

IRS social welfare organizations	https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/other-non-profits/social-welfare-organizations
IRS political activity and social welfare	https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/other-non-profits/political-activity-and-social-welfare
IRS solicitation notice	https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/solicitation-notice