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FAMILY ISSUES	YES	NO	CASH FLOW ISSUES (CONTINUED)	
Are there any life events that you expect to occur for yourself or your immediate family (marriage, higher education, retirement)?			If so, consider saving in the following order: contribute to your employer's retirement plan to take advantage of the employer match, max out HSA contributions (if participating), max out	
Have any life events recently occurred?			employer retirement and IRA contributions (if applicable), save in taxable accounts.	
Do you have any children or grandchildren? If so, consider the following: ■ Plan to fund education or major expenses (such as a wedding). ■ If you have family members with special needs, advanced			Are you taking distributions from your retirement accounts? If so, consider the rate of withdrawal and the tax efficiency of your distribution strategy.	
planning may be advisable.			Do you expect your cash flow will change in the future? If so, consider the following:	
Were you previously married? If so, consider reviewing your estate planning documents, beneficiary designations, and your insurance needs.			 If you expect your income to increase in the future, consider making Roth conversions during low tax bracket years and harvesting capital gains. 	
If divorced, are there any issues that should be considered (such as alimony, child care costs)?			■ If you expect your income to decrease in the future, consider making traditional IRA and 401(k) contributions, and utilizing tax	
Are you or your spouse incurring significant medical expenses or are you disabled? If so, consider reviewing your health insurance options to understand deductibles, premiums, and out-of-pocket maximums. Also, compare your plan against your spouse's, if applicable. See "What Issues Should I Consider When Reviewing My Health and Life Insurance Policies?" checklist.			losses. If income will vary (due to deferred compensation or bonuses), consider aligning your high tax years with higher tax deductions (such as charitable gifts and medical expenses) and taking advantage of any tax losses. Do you expect to receive Social Security in the future? If so,	
Are you a veteran? If so, consider if any benefits would be available and helpful.			consider reviewing Social Security statements, and, if you will receive a pension from a state or federal government, determine	
Are you caring for your parents? If so, reference "What Issues Should I Consider For My Aging Parents?" checklist.			whether you will be subject to the Windfall Elimination Provisions and Government Pension Offset. If married, consider your spouse's Social Security benefit and review strategies to maximize	
Do you have any residency or citizenship concerns?			household benefits.	_
CASH FLOW ISSUES	YES	NO	ASSET & DEBT ISSUES	
Do you need to review your emergency fund to see if it is			Do you need to review your objectives and risk tolerance for	
adequate?			each investment account?	
Do you need help developing a budget?			Do you need help understanding the investments you	
Do you need to review if you are saving in the right places? (continue on next column)			currently own? (continue on next page)	
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ASSET & DEBT ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	NO	TAX PLANNING ISSUES
If so, consider the quality of the investments, the expense ratio, and how the investments fit relative to your investment policy statement and/or overall financial plan.			Do you need to review your been completed accurately minimized properly? If so, r
Are there high levels of cash in any accounts? If so, consider the following: ■ FDIC insurance limit is \$250,000 per ownership category, per			What Issues Should I Conside "As A Retiree, What Issues Sh Tax Return?"
insured bank. Interest rates on the cash may be higher elsewhere.			Do you need help identifyin
Do you have any debts with high interest rates?			LONG-TERM PLANNING ISSU
If you have debts, will the total monthly debt payment			LONG-TERM PLANNING ISSO
(including any future mortgage) be 36% or more of your gross monthly income? If so, some lenders may not be willing to lend money to you.			Are you considering any ma as a second home)?
Do you have any annuities? If so, review the riders, death benefits, and surrender charges.			Do you have an estate plan all accounts and insurance po are titled appropriately to wo
Does your employer offer equity compensation (e.g., stock			Issues Should I Consider Befo
options, restricted stock, ESPP, etc.)? If so, review your rights, any vesting schedules, and the tax consequences of purchasing			Do you have a plan to fund
and/or selling shares.			Do you anticipate that you a loved one?
Do you need to review your employee benefits to ensure that you are taking advantage of what your employer offers?			
Consider contributions to Health Savings Accounts, Flexible Spending Accounts and/or Dependent Care Flexible Spending			OTHER ISSUES
Accounts.			Do you need to review your
Do you own your primary residence? If so, review your insurance coverage, property taxes, any associated debt, and how the home is titled.			disability, property & casua Issues Should I Consider Who Insurance Policies?" and "Who
Do you have a second property or rental property? If so, consider how those properties are titled, any potential liabilities,			Reviewing My Health & Life Ir Are you charitably inclined
and the possible use of an LLC.			Are there any state-specific
> Do you own a business? If so, consider retirement plan options, succession planning, and valuation.			Are there any other person seek financial advice?
Could there be any assets that you are forgetting?			

TAX PLANNING ISSUES	YES	NO			
Do you need to review your tax return to ensure that it has been completed accurately and that your tax liability has been minimized properly? If so, reference "As Someone Who Is Working, What Issues Should I Consider When Reviewing My Tax Return?" or "As A Retiree, What Issues Should I Consider When Reviewing My Tax Return?"					
Do you need help identifying tax planning opportunities?					
LONG-TERM PLANNING ISSUES	YES	NO			
Are you considering any major expenses for the future (such as a second home)?					
Do you have an estate plan? If so, check that the beneficiaries for all accounts and insurance policies are up to date, and that assets are titled appropriately to work with your plan. Reference "What Issues Should I Consider Before I Update My Estate Plan?"					
Do you have a plan to fund long-term care expenses?					
Do you anticipate that you might receive an inheritance from a loved one?					
OTHER ISSUES	YES	NO			
Do you need to review your insurance coverage (including life, disability, property & casualty insurance)? If so, reference "What Issues Should I Consider When Reviewing My Property & Casualty Insurance Policies?" and "What Issues Should I Consider When Reviewing My Health & Life Insurance Policies?" checklists.					
Are you charitably inclined?					
Are there any state-specific issues that should be considered?					
Are there any other personal concerns that motivated you to seek financial advice?					



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