

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2014
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2014** and ending **JUN 30, 2015**

B Check if applicable:	C Name of organization COMMON CAUSE Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1133 19TH STREET, NW 900 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20036 F Name and address of principal officer: MILES RAPOPORT SAME AS C ABOVE	D Employer identification number 52-6078441 E Telephone number (202) 833-1200 G Gross receipts \$ 6,573,861. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527		
J Website: ▶ WWW.COMMONCAUSE.ORG		
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶ L Year of formation: 1968 M State of legal domicile: DC		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O			
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	27	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	26	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a)	5	106	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	638	
	Revenue	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
8		Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year	
9		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,886,287.	6,301,025.	
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	30,907.	35,650.	
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	45,490.	34,871.	
12		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	50,353.	-2,561.	
13		Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	6,013,037.	6,368,985.	
Expenses		14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
		15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	2,330,903.	2,628,728.	
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 2,013,758.	329,452.	293,641.	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	3,065,289.	3,471,682.	
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,725,644.	6,394,051.	
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	287,393.	-25,066.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,352,283.	2,707,830.	
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,041,519.	1,452,371.	
			1,310,764.	1,255,459.	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer MILES RAPOPORT, PRESIDENT AND CEO Type or print name and title	Date			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	PTIN
	ELIZABETH HELLER	<i>Elizabeth Heller</i>	10/28/2015	☐	P00397829
	Firm's name ▶ TATE AND TRYON	Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1855942			
	Firm's address ▶ 2021 L STREET, NW SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	Phone no. (202) 293-2200			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Form **8879-EO****IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for an Exempt Organization**

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2014, or fiscal year beginning JUL 1, 2014, and ending JUN 30, 20 15

▶ Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.

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Internal Revenue Service▶ Information about Form 8879-EO and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8879eo.

Name of exempt organization

Employer identification number

COMMON CAUSE

52-6078441

Name and title of officer

**MILES RAPOPORT
PRESIDENT AND CEO****Part I Type of Return and Return Information** (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ ☒	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	6,368,985.
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b	
5a Form 8868 check here ▶	b Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c)	5b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2014 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

☒ I authorize **TATE AND TRYON**

ERO firm name

to enter my PIN **24673**Enter five numbers, but
do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the organization's tax year 2014 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2014 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶

Date ▶

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

52472820878

do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2014 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶

Date ▶

10/28/2015

**ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form To the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.
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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

COMMON CAUSE IS A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO RESTORING THE CORE VALUES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, TO REINVENTING AN OPEN, HONEST AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT THAT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO EMPOWERING ORDINARY PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE POLITICAL

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 996,826. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
ETHICS, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT

- WHISTLEBLOWER LAWS IN PENNSYLVANIA: WE SAW SUCCESS ON TWO IMPORTANT REFORMS-ONE EXPANDING STATE WHISTLEBLOWER LAWS TO COVER EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS (THE PEOPLE WITH REAL KNOWLEDGE OF FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE, AND PROFITEERING) AND ONE PROVIDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION TO EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- BALLOT INITIATIVE REFORM IN CALIFORNIA: BUILT A BROAD LEFT/RIGHT COALITION TO PASS BALLOT INITIATIVE REFORM. THE MEASURE GIVES VOTERS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INITIATIVES, ENHANCES THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE AND USE OF ONLINE RESOURCES, AND GIVES VOTERS ONE-STOP ACCESS

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 917,720. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
MONEY AND POLITICS

- DEMOCRACY FOR ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A COALITION OF ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, LED A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. MORE THAN 3 MILLION AMERICANS SIGNED PETITIONS OR CONTACTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO BACK THE AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD REVERSE THE SUPREME COURT'S CITIZENS UNITED DECISION AND RESTORE THE ABILITY OF CONGRESS AND THE STATES TO PUT REASONABLE LIMITS ON POLITICAL SPENDING SO THAT EVERY CITIZEN HAS A CHANCE TO BE HEARD. AFTER FOUR DAYS OF SENATE FLOOR DEBATE, DURING WHICH SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D-RI) CITED COMMON CAUSE RESEARCH, 54 SENATORS VOTED TO MOVE THE AMENDMENT TO FINAL PASSAGE. WHILE WE'RE

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 838,391. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 35,650.)
VOTING AND ELECTIONS

- ELECTION MODERNIZATION/ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION IN ILLINOIS: TWO YEARS OF EFFORT CAME TO FRUITION WITH PASSAGE OF A COMPREHENSIVE ELECTION MODERNIZATION PACKAGE THAT INCLUDED ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION, EXPANDED EARLY VOTING, AND IMPROVED ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION.

- AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION IN OREGON: WORKED WITH ALLIES TO PASS A FIRST-IN-THE-NATION BILL TO AUTOMATICALLY REGISTER ALL ELIGIBLE OREGONIANS TO VOTE WHEN THEY OBTAIN OR RENEW A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 80,129. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **2,833,066.**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		X
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	N/A	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	X	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	X	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	N/A
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 72		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X	
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 106		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	X	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	X	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). N/A			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	N/A	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	N/A	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? N/A	8		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? N/A	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? N/A	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 N/A	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders N/A	11a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year N/A	12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? N/A Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b		

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	1a	1b	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	27			
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.				
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		26		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?			X	
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?				X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?				X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?				X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?			X	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?				X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?				X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?			X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?			X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O				X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	X	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **BETTE MARCHANT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - 202-833-1200**
1133 19TH STREET, NW #900, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
ROBERT B. REICH	1.00									
CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
MARTHA TIERNEY	1.00									
VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
OLENA BERG LACY	1.00									
TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
GRACIA HILLMAN	1.00									
SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
RIC BAINTE	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CRAIG S. BARNES, ESQ.	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
EMMET J. BONDURANT	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CORNELL W. BROOKS, ESQ.	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
PETER A. BUTZIN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DAN CONLEY	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
GREG DISKANT	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ARCHON FUNG	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
BOB HERBERT	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
OLGA KAUFFMAN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
WILLIAM HUBBARD	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MARILYN MELKONIAN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
LENNY MENDONCA	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
CHANG K. PARK	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
JAMIE PHILLIPPE	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
NANCY RATZAN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
SUSAN RUBINSTEIN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
PATRICIA S. SCHROEDER	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
RICHARD STANLEY	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
WES TOMER	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
TRACY WESTEN	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ALAN WIERSBA	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total								0.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								321,411.	683,834.	83,643.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								321,411.	683,834.	83,643.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **7**

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
RWT PRODUCTION 5624 BELLINGTON AVE., SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151	DIRECT MAIL	744,499.
BLACKBAUD, INC. PO BOX 930256, ATLANTA, GA 31193	WEB DATABASE	385,751.
AVALON CONSULTING GROUP, INC., 2030 M. ST. NW, SUITE 700, WASHINGTON, DC 20036	DIRECT MAIL	301,077.
INFOGROUP 1020 E 1ST ST., PAPILLION, NE 68046	CONSULTING	105,162.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **4**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

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Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a						
	b Membership dues	1b						
	c Fundraising events	1c	43,560.					
	d Related organizations	1d						
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e						
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	6,257,465.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		33,894.					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f							6,301,025.
Program Service Revenue	2 a PROGRAM FEES	Business Code	900099	35,550.	35,550.			
	b HONORARIA		900099	100.	100.			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f All other program service revenue							
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f				35,650.			
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)				8,494.		8,494.	
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds								
5 Royalties				33,005.		33,005.		
Other Revenue	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	132,484.					
	b Less: rental expenses	(ii) Personal	143,973.					
	c Rental income or (loss)		-11,489.					
	d Net rental income or (loss)				-11,489.		-11,489.	
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	63,203.					
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	(ii) Other	36,826.					
	c Gain or (loss)		26,377.					
	d Net gain or (loss)				26,377.		26,377.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 43,560. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	0.					
	b Less: direct expenses	b	24,077.					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							-24,077.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses	b						
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
	Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
	11 a							
	b							
c								
d All other revenue								
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d								
12 Total revenue. See instructions.				6,368,985.	35,650.	0.	32,310.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	318,847.	112,764.	93,258.	112,825.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,915,092.	1,242,344.	451,305.	221,443.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	52,659.	45,567.	-4,055.	11,147.
9 Other employee benefits	204,851.	174,143.	-12,655.	43,363.
10 Payroll taxes	137,279.	118,791.	-10,570.	29,058.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	188,970.	188,970.		
b Legal	20,836.	2,340.	18,463.	33.
c Accounting	25,331.		25,331.	
d Lobbying	63,800.	63,800.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	293,641.			293,641.
f Investment management fees	3,202.		3,202.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch. O.)	195,701.	195,701.		
12 Advertising and promotion	908,286.	64,643.	3,972.	839,671.
13 Office expenses	766,306.	73,148.	214,618.	478,540.
14 Information technology	492,871.	71,222.	421,495.	154.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	338,600.	178,113.	158,847.	1,640.
17 Travel	178,131.	172,344.	246.	5,541.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	121,491.	120,697.	54.	740.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	74,207.		74,207.	
23 Insurance	50,144.		50,144.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a FINANCIAL SERVICES & BA	44,956.		44,956.	
b REGISTRATION FEES	19,920.	5,511.	14,409.	
c MISCELLANEOUS	3,007.	2,968.	0.	39.
d SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTED	-24,077.			-24,077.
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	6,394,051.	2,833,066.	1,547,227.	2,013,758.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	1,163.	1	1,163.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	849,481.	2	168,405.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	542,810.	4	1,041,439.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	200,747.	9	300,945.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,138,432.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 897,868.		
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	291,895.	10c	240,564.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	466,187.	11	509,612.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	14 Intangible assets		13	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0.	14	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,352,283.	15	445,702.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,352,283.	16	2,707,830.
	18 Grants payable	571,114.	17	1,114,681.
	19 Deferred revenue		18	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	211,526.	19	0.
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		21	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		22	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		24	250,000.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	258,879.	25	87,690.
	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.	1,041,519.	26	1,452,371.
28 Unrestricted net assets	240,892.	27	-370,195.	
29 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,069,872.	28	1,625,654.	
30 Permanently restricted net assets		29		
31 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.				
32 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
33 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
34 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
35 Total net assets or fund balances	1,310,764.	33	1,255,459.	
36 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,352,283.	34	2,707,830.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	6,368,985.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,394,051.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-25,066.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,310,764.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-30,239.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,255,459.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	X
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c	X
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____	3a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____	3b	

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Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and
its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

COMMON CAUSE

Employer identification number

52-6078441

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)(4) (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2014)

Name of organization COMMON CAUSE	Employer identification number 52-6078441
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>		\$ <u>5,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>		\$ <u>7,500.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>		\$ <u>10,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>		\$ <u>5,149.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>		\$ <u>43,724.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>6</u>		\$ <u>16,911.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization COMMON CAUSE	Employer identification number 52-6078441
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>7</u>		\$ <u>11,427.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>8</u>		\$ <u>6,224.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>9</u>		\$ <u>74,438.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>10</u>		\$ <u>40,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>11</u>		\$ <u>38,805.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>12</u>		\$ <u>5,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13		\$ 372,368.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
14		\$ 23,100.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
15		\$ 15,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
16		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
17		\$ 12,500.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
18		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19		\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
20		\$ 22,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
21		\$ 15,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
22		\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
23		\$ 9,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
24		\$ 15,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
25		\$ 88,709.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
26		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
27		\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
28		\$ 20,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
29		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
30		\$ 15,378.	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
31		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
32		\$ 12,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
33		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
34		\$ 15,090.	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
35		\$ 25,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
36		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
37		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
38		\$ 15,110.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
39		\$ 35,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
40		\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
41		\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
42		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>43</u>		\$ <u>10,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>44</u>		\$ <u>9,698.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>45</u>		\$ <u>350,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>46</u>		\$ <u>5,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>47</u>		\$ <u>162,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>48</u>		\$ <u>25,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
30	157 SHARES NIKE	\$ 15,378.	11/24/14
34	196 SHARES WALMART	\$ 15,090.	07/31/14
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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Part III

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at** www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.															
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.			
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		☐ Yes ☐ No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.
See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	☐ Yes	☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other _____

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets

to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	1,159,794.	842,650.	14,953.	14,989.	12,451.
b Contributions	250,000.	250,000.	750,000.		
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	64,690.	168,079.	109,803.	-36.	2,668.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	180,153.	100,935.	32,106.		130.
g End of year balance	1,294,331.	1,159,794.	842,650.	14,953.	14,989.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ 1.51 %

b Permanent endowment ☐ .00 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ 98.49 %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? ☐

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		46,963.	44,349.	2,614.
d Equipment		1,091,469.	853,519.	237,950.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				240,564.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) DUE FROM RELATED	445,702.
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ►	445,702.

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes		
(2) DEFERRED RENT	87,690.	
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	87,690.	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

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Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	8,101,536.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-30,239.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	1,594,740.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	168,050.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,732,551.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,368,985.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	6,368,985.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	8,156,841.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	1,594,740.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	168,050.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,762,790.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,394,051.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	6,394,051.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART V, LINE 4:

THE COMMON CAUSE QUASI-ENDOWMENT (BOARD DESIGNATED) FUND WAS USED TO FUND THE OPERATING CASH NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD TO BEGIN RE-FUNDING THE ENDOWMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE IF CASH FLOWS PERMIT. THERE WERE NO REPAYMENTS MADE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

RENTAL EXPENSE TO PART VIII	143,973.
SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE TO PART VIII	24,077.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D	168,050.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** ☒ Mail solicitations **e** ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
b ☒ Internet and email solicitations **f** ☐ Solicitation of government grants
c ☒ Phone solicitations **g** ☐ Special fundraising events
d ☐ In-person solicitations

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
AVALON CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 2030 M STREET, NW, SUITE	DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN SERVICES		X	3,741,297.	189,806.	3,551,491.
PUBLIC INTEREST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - 7700	TELEMARKETING		X	122,216.	92,509.	29,707.
SD&A TELESERVICES, INC. - 5757 WEST CENTURY BLVD. STE	DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN SERVICES		X	7,399.	8,309.	-910.
TELEFUND - PO BOX 120557, BOSTON, MA 02112	TELEMARKETING		X	1,585.	3,018.	-1,433.
Total				3,872,497.	293,642.	3,578,855.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO
MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY
DC

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		CO EVENT (event type)	RI MEETING (event type)	3 (total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	12,264.	13,208.	18,088.	43,560.
	2 Less: Contributions	12,264.	13,208.	18,088.	43,560.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	500.	1,000.	5,765.	7,265.
	7 Food and beverages	3,759.	462.	391.	4,612.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	120.	1,094.	10,986.	12,200.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				24,077.
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-24,077.	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No		
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)					
8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)					

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____.

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

- 16** Gaming manager information:

Name ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

- 17** Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: AVALON CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER:

2030 M STREET, NW, SUITE 700, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: PUBLIC INTEREST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER:

7700 LEESBURG PIKE, STE 301, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22043

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: SD&A TELESERVICES, INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER:

5757 WEST CENTURY BLVD. STE 300, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.		
☐ First-class or charter travel		
☐ Travel for companions		
☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments		
☐ Discretionary spending account		
☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	X
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.		
☒ Compensation committee		
☐ Independent compensation consultant		
☐ Form 990 of other organizations		
☒ Written employment contract		
☒ Compensation survey or study		
☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	X
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	X
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	X
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
a The organization?	5a	X
b Any related organization?	5b	X
If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
a The organization?	6a	X
b Any related organization?	6b	X
If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	X
8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	X
9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2014

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
MILES RAPOPORT	(i)	38,653.	0.	0.	0.	481.	39,134.	0.
PRESIDENT AND CEO	(ii)	224,889.	0.	0.	0.	2,798.	227,687.	0.
ELIZABETH MARCHANT	(i)	93,258.	0.	0.	5,773.	6,822.	105,853.	0.
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	(ii)	93,258.	0.	0.	5,773.	6,822.	105,853.	0.
KAREN HOBERT FLYNN	(i)	36,109.	0.	0.	2,184.	2,133.	40,426.	0.
SR. VP, STRATEGY & PROGRAM	(ii)	144,437.	0.	0.	8,736.	8,532.	161,705.	0.
NANCY STURM	(i)	73,977.	0.	0.	1,875.	4,884.	80,736.	0.
VP, DEVELOPMENT	(ii)	73,977.	0.	0.	1,875.	4,884.	80,736.	0.
ARN PEARSON	(i)	33,358.	0.	0.	2,209.	5,519.	41,086.	0.
VP, POLICY & LITIGATION	(ii)	91,735.	0.	0.	6,075.	15,177.	112,987.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
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	(ii)							

Part III	Supplemental Information
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Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

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▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	5	33,894.	FMV
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other ...				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ()				
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions
for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it
must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for
exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash
contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked,
describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		X
33		

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2014)

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

THERE WERE 5 SEPARATE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STOCK DURING FY2015.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

COMMON CAUSE IS A NON-PARTISAN CITIZENS ORGANIZATION WHOSE GOAL IS TO
ENSURE OPEN, HONEST, ACCOUNTABLE, AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AT THE
FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THROUGH SUSTAINED AND FOCUSED LOBBYING
CAMPAIGNS, GRASSROOTS ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER EFFORTS.

THE MISSION OF COMMON CAUSE IS TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND
FAITH IN OUR INSTITUTIONS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT; TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT
AND POLITICAL PROCESSES SERVE THE GENERAL INTEREST, RATHER THAN SPECIAL
INTERESTS; TO CURB THE EXCESSIVE INFLUENCE OF MONEY ON GOVERNMENT
DECISIONS AND ELECTIONS; TO PROMOTE FAIR ELECTIONS AND HIGH ETHICAL
STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; AND TO PROTECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND
CIVIL LIBERTIES OF ALL AMERICANS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

PROCESS. WITH OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, DC AND 36 STATES AND 400,000
SUPPORTERS AND ACTIVISTS, COMMON CAUSE WORKS TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY
REFORMS AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THROUGH CRAFTING MODEL
LEGISLATION, LOBBYING, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, AND JOINT EFFORTS WITH OTHER
REFORM ORGANIZATIONS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS BEHIND EACH INITIATIVE
AND THEIR SOURCE OF FUNDING. IT ALSO CREATES CLEAR AND VOTER-FRIENDLY
EXPLANATIONS OF EACH INITIATIVE, ALLOWS LEGAL FLAWS TO BE CORRECTED
BEFORE THEY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, AND ALLOWS MORE TIME FOR GATHERING

SIGNATURES.

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2014)

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

DISAPPOINTED THAT THE AMENDMENT DIDN'T GET THE 60 VOTES NEEDED TO END A FILIBUSTER, WE'RE PLEASED THAT A SOLID MAJORITY OF SENATORS ARE NOW ON RECORD REJECTING THE SUPREME COURT'S ASSERTIONS THAT MONEY IS SPEECH AND THAT CORPORATIONS HAVE A FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO SPEND UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

- SMALL DONOR MATCHING SYSTEM IN MARYLAND: LARGELY AS THE RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY PASSED LEGISLATION CREATING A SMALL DONOR MATCHING SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS. WITH THIS "FAIR ELECTIONS" PROGRAM, CANDIDATES CAN FOCUS ON RAISING MONEY FROM EVERYDAY PEOPLE AND VOTERS CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS AREN'T BEHOLDEN TO ANYONE BUT THEM. ADJACENT TO WASHINGTON, DC, MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS HOME TO 1 MILLION PEOPLE.

- MASSACHUSETTS DISCLOSURE ACT: WON PASSAGE OF A LAW DESIGNED TO SHINE A LIGHT ON SECRET MONEY IN ELECTIONS. THE LEGISLATION REQUIRES DISCLOSURE OF EXPENDITURES AND DONORS TO SUPER PACS, 501(C)(4) ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHERS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. IT ALSO REQUIRES THAT THE TOP FIVE DONORS BE LISTED IN POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

- PUBLIC FINANCING AND ETHICS RULES IN FLORIDA: PARTNERED WITH REPRESENT US, THE TEA PARTY NETWORK, AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO PUT AN INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT IN TALLAHASSEE THAT WAS BACKED BY 69% OF THE VOTERS. NEW RULES WILL LIMIT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO \$250 PER DONOR, GIVE EACH VOTER A TAX REBATE OF UP TO \$25 FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, CREATE AN ETHICS BOARD, AND REQUIRE ADOPTION OF AN

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ETHICS CODE THAT INCLUDES STRONG CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROHIBITIONS.

- DISCLOSURE IN NEW YORK CITY: AS A RESULT OF OUR DETAILED DATA ANALYSIS, RESEARCH, AND ADVOCACY, THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL PASSED AND THE MAYOR SIGNED INTO LAW A BILL REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF THE TOP THREE DONORS TO INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES IN POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY

- ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF OPEN INTERNET: IN THE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S DECISION ABOUT OPEN INTERNET/NET NEUTRALITY, LAWMAKERS CONGRESS OPPOSED TO NET NEUTRALITY INTRODUCED BILLS DESIGNED TO RESTRICT THE FCC'S AUTHORITY ON THIS ISSUE. WE CONTACTED REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH EMAIL AND THROUGH A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL STAFF, ENCOURAGING LAWMAKERS TO ALLOW THE FCC TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY IN ITS DELIBERATIONS AND THE FORMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

- POLITICAL AD DISCLOSURE: REIGNITED OUR CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL AD DISCLOSURE, WITH THE GOAL OF ENACTING REFORM IN TIME FOR THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION. WORKED WITH LAWMAKER IN THE HOUSE TO INTRODUCE THE KEEPING OUR CAMPAIGNS HONEST ACT, WHICH URGES THE FCC TO REQUIRE IN-AD, ON-AIR DISCLOSURE OF AD SPONSORSHIP AND WITH A SENATOR ON COMPANION LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE.

- LIFELINE: THE FCC IS TURNING TO THE PROCESS OF MODERNIZING LIFELINE,

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WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR MANY YEARS AS A SUBSIDY TO GET LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS A BASIC TELEPHONE CONNECTION, WITH THE POTENTIAL GRANTING BENEFICIARIES A CHOICE OF BASIC BROADBAND. HOWEVER, EVEN THE CURRENT PROGRAM HAS MET WITH CONGRESSIONAL CONTROVERSY. MET WITH LAWMAKERS ON CAPITOL HILL ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING THE PROGRAM, AND ALSO TO PUSH FOR THIS EXPANSION, WHICH COULD DO MORE TO MORE TO NARROW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE THAN ANYTHING ELSE ON THE HORIZON.

EXPENSES \$ 80,129. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE AND EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD IN THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMON CAUSE BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD, EXCEPT THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ELECT OFFICERS, TO FILL VACANT BOARD OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS, TO CAUSE THE TERMINATION OF A SITTING BOARD MEMBER, TO CAUSE THE TERMINATION OF THE PRESIDENT, TO AMEND THE CORPORATION'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS, TO ADOPT AN AGREEMENT OF MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION, TO DISPOSE OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF COMMON CAUSE'S ASSETS OR TO DISSOLVE THE CORPORATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:

CHANG PARK, MILES RAPOPORT - BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

COMMON CAUSE HAS ONLY ONE CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP, CONSISTING OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CHOOSE TO JOIN COMMON CAUSE AND MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION. SUCH MEMBERS HAVE NO VOTING RIGHTS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PROVIDES THE FORM 990 TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. ONCE THAT COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE DOCUMENT, IT IS SENT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR REVIEW. THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE TWO (2) DAYS TO RESPOND WITH ANY COMMENTS THEY MIGHT HAVE BEFORE THE DOCUMENT IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING AND ENFORCING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:

BOARD --

WHENEVER A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR COMMITTEE MEMBER BECOMES AWARE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST, WHETHER FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, HE OR SHE SHALL MAKE THE SITUATION KNOWN TO THE BOARD OR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (AS THE CASE MIGHT BE) AND PROVIDE ALL FACTS MATERIAL TO UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING WHETHER THE INTERESTED PERSON BELIEVES HIS OR HER ABILITY TO MAKE AN INDEPENDENT DECISION BASED SOLELY ON THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CORPORATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. IF THE INTERESTED PERSON INVOLVED DOES NOT MAKE THIS DISCLOSURE, ANOTHER DIRECTOR OR COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT SHOULD DRAW IT TO THE BODY'S ATTENTION.

THE INTERESTED PERSON WITH THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT MUST RETIRE FROM THE MEETING AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN FINAL DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THE EXISTENCE OF THE CONFLICT. IF A CONFLICT IS FOUND TO EXIST, THE INTERESTED PERSON MAY BE INVITED TO PROVIDE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT COULD BE OF USE TO THE BOARD IN MAKING ITS DECISION, BUT SHALL AGAIN RETIRE AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL DISCUSSION AND VOTING REGARDING THE TRANSACTION. THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE'S DECISION SHALL BE BASED ON CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER THE

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A) IS IN THE ORGANIZATION'S BEST INTEREST AND FOR ITS OWN BENEFIT;

B) IS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION; AND

C) IS THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT THE ORGANIZATION CAN OBTAIN WITH REASONABLE EFFORT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

STAFF --

WHENEVER A STAFF MEMBER BECOMES AWARE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN AN AREA WHERE HE OR SHE EXERCISES ANY DISCRETION IN CARRYING OUT HIS OR HER DUTIES FOR COMMON CAUSE, HE OR SHE SHALL PROMPTLY DISCLOSE THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT TO AN IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR OR TO THE PRESIDENT. IF THE PRESIDENT HAS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT, HE OR SHE SHALL DISCLOSE IT TO THE BOARD OR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE PERSON OR BODY TO WHOM DISCLOSURE IS MADE (HEREINAFTER "SUPERVISOR") SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A CONFLICT THAT REQUIRES RECUSAL OF THE INTERESTED PERSON. WHEN A CONFLICT IS FOUND TO EXIST, THE INTERESTED PERSON SHALL PROVIDE THE SUPERVISOR WITH ALL INFORMATION HE OR SHE HAS RELEVANT TO ANY DECISION TO BE MADE IN WHICH HE OR SHE HAS AN INTEREST, AND THE FINAL DECISION SHALL BE MADE BY THE SUPERVISOR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD CONDUCTS A 360 DEGREE REVIEW OF THE CEO PRIOR TO DETERMINING THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION. THE COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS THE SENIOR STAFF, REVIEWS A COMPARABILITY STUDY, AND THEN CONFERS AS A COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE BRINGS ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR. MINUTES ARE TAKEN OF THE SALARY DELIBERATIONS.

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OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONDUCTS A REVIEW OF THE CFO, REVIEWS A COMPARABILITY STUDY, AND THEN CONFERS AS A COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE BRINGS ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR. MINUTES ARE TAKEN OF THE SALARY DELIBERATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT REVIEW COMPENSATION OF KEY EMPLOYEES; THAT IS PERFORMED BY MANAGEMENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH
NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, DC, WV, WI, AK, ID, IA, NV, SD

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

COMMON CAUSE SEEKS TO BE FAITHFUL TO ITS MISSION BY BEING OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS. WE WILL MAKE OUR GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST. OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ALSO PART OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS DURING THE YEAR.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND - 31-1705370 1133 19TH STREET, NW, STE 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	CHARITABLE ARM OF COMMON CAUSE	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	501(C)(3)	LINE 7	COMMON CAUSE	X	

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

[illegible]

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

	Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a	X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d	X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e	X
f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f	X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g	X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h	X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i	X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j	X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k	X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l	X
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m	X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	X
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o	X
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	X
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q	X
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r	X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s	X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	N	439,354.	ACTUAL COST
(2) COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	O	4,762,701.	ACTUAL COST
(3) COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND	Q	882,679.	ACTUAL COST
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

[illegible]

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).