

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2003

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS		D Employer identification number 52-1275227	
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 1101 14TH STREET, NW	Room/suite 1030	E Telephone number (202) 857-0044	
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 WASHINGTON, DC 20005		F Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

H and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates: _____

H(c) Are all affiliates included? **N/A** Yes No (If "No," attach a list.)

H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No

G Website: WWW.OPENSECRETS.ORG

J Organization type (check only one) 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

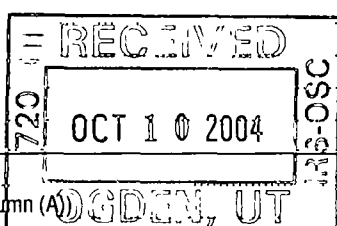
I Group Exemption Number

M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 **1,142,304.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a Direct public support	1a	1,052,803.		
	b Indirect public support	1b			
	c Government contributions (grants)	1c			
	d Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 1,052,803. noncash \$ _____)	1d		1,052,803.	
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2		69,175.	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3			
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		13,992.	
	5 Dividends and interest from securities	5			
	6 a Gross rents	6a			
	b Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7 Other investment income (describe _____)	7				
8 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other		
	8a				
	8b				
	8c				
d Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8d				
9 Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a			
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b			
	c Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9c			
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c			
11 Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11		6,334.		
12 Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12		1,142,304.		
Expenses	13 Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13	1,052,224.		
	14 Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14	118,646.		
	15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15	51,458.		
	16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
	17 Total expenses (add lines 13 and 14, column (A))	17	1,222,328.		
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18		<80,024.>		
Net Assets	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19	1,746,088.		
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0.		
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	21	1,666,064.		



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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. Page 2

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.</i>		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22 Grants and allocations (attach schedule)					
cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____	22				
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23				
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24				
25 Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	25	125,000.	107,500.	12,500.	5,000.
26 Other salaries and wages	26	676,180.	581,515.	67,618.	27,047.
27 Pension plan contributions	27	30,675.	26,381.	3,067.	1,227.
28 Other employee benefits	28	73,477.	63,190.	7,348.	2,939.
29 Payroll taxes	29	60,466.	52,000.	6,047.	2,419.
30 Professional fundraising fees	30				
31 Accounting fees	31	10,685.	9,189.	1,069.	427.
32 Legal fees	32	173.	149.	17.	7.
33 Supplies	33	2,191.	1,884.	219.	88.
34 Telephone	34	7,442.	6,400.	744.	298.
35 Postage and shipping	35	4,976.	4,279.	498.	199.
36 Occupancy	36	133,084.	114,453.	13,308.	5,323.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37	2,552.	2,195.	255.	102.
38 Printing and publications	38	10,606.	9,121.	1,061.	424.
39 Travel	39	9,277.	6,772.		2,505.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40	7,840.	6,742.	784.	314.
41 Interest	41				
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42	23,259.	20,003.	2,326.	930.
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):					
a _____	43a				
b _____	43b				
c _____	43c				
d _____	43d				
e SEE STATEMENT 1	43e	44,445.	40,451.	1,785.	2,209.
44 <small>Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43). Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15.</small>	44	1,222,328.	1,052,224.	118,646.	51,458.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2.
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____;
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE STATEMENT 2	
All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)	Program Service Expenses <small>(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)</small>
a SEE STATEMENT 3	
(Grants and allocations \$ _____)	554,268.
b SEE STATEMENT 4	
(Grants and allocations \$ _____)	36,223.
c SEE STATEMENT 5	
(Grants and allocations \$ _____)	461,733.
d _____	
(Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
e Other program services (attach schedule)	(Grants and allocations \$ _____)
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	1,052,224.

Part IV Balance Sheets

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	70,313.	45	382,413.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	806,110.	46	569,469.
	47 a Accounts receivable	47a 34,124.		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	47c 590.	34,124.
	48 a Pledges receivable	48a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b	48c	
	49 Grants receivable	805,000.	49	617,000.
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		50	
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable	51a		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b	51c	
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	26,638.	53	38,208.
	54 Investments - securities	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	54	
	55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis	55a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	55b	55c	
56 Investments - other		56		
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	57a 478,438.			
b Less: accumulated depreciation STMT 6	57b 446,966.	57c 36,562.	31,472.	
58 Other assets (describe ▶ DEPOSITS)		58 28,885.	28,885.	
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)	1,774,098.	59	1,701,571.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	28,010.	60	35,507.
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		63	
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ▶)		65	
66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)	28,010.	66	35,507.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	866,088.	67	714,064.
	68 Temporarily restricted	880,000.	68	952,000.
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
	73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)	1,746,088.	73	1,666,064.
	74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)	1,774,098.	74	1,701,571.

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See page 33 of the instructions.)

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.					
93 Program service revenue:					
a LIBRARY FEES					17,761.
b PUBLICATION SALES					8,383.
c CONTRACTS					36,148.
d HONORARIUM INCOME					2,240.
e CONFERENCE					4,643.
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	13,992.	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue:					
a MISCELLANEOUS					6,334.
b					
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		0.		13,992.	75,509.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					89,501.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See page 34 of the instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
▼	SEE STATEMENT 8

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See page 34 of the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See page 34 of the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, information of which preparer has any knowledge

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 Date **LAWRENCE M. NOBLE Executive Director**
 Type or print name and title.

Date _____ Check if _____ Preparer's SSN or PTIN _____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Supplementary Information-(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Name of the organization **CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS** Employer identification number **52 1275227**

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<u>LARRY MAKINSON</u> -----	SENIOR FELLOW			
<u>ALL REACHED C/O THE ORGANIZATION.</u>	40+	84,500.	3,380.	
<u>SUSAN ALGER</u> -----	IT DIRECTOR			
	40+	77,250.	3,090.	
<u>SHEILA KRUMHOLZ</u> -----	RSCH DIR			
	40+	72,100.	2,884.	
<u>STEVEN WEISS</u> -----	COMMUN DIR			
	40+	64,375.	2,575.	
<u>PAUL SANFORD</u> -----	DIR FEC WATCH			
	40+	61,800.	2,472.	

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶

0

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<u>NONE</u> -----		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

0

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)		Yes	No
1	During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ► \$ _____ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		X
2	During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a	Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		X
b	Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c	Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d	Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)? SEE PART V, FORM 990	X	
e	Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3 a	Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		X
b	Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	X	
4	Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)
- 5** A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
 - 6** A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
 - 7** A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
 - 8** A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
 - 9** A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ► _____
 - 10** An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
 - 11a** An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
 - 11b** A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
 - 12** An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
 - 13** An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14** An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12) **Use cash method of accounting.**

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	578,376.	1,201,660.	2,067,263.	523,380.	4,370,679.
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	62,862.	36,398.	102,110.	141,844.	343,214.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	25,254.	69,211.	78,415.	39,669.	212,549.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets	2,881.	6,344.	SEE STATEMENT 10 5,065.	10,605.	24,895.
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	669,373.	1,313,613.	2,252,853.	715,498.	4,951,337.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	606,511.	1,277,215.	2,150,743.	573,654.	4,608,123.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	6,694.	13,136.	22,529.	7,155.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					92,162.
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts					3,606,190.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)					4,608,123.
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 <u>212,549.</u> 19 _____ 22 <u>24,895.</u> 26b <u>3,606,190.</u>					3,843,634.
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					764,489.
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					16.5900%
27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: N/A	(2002)	(2001)	(2000)	(1999)	
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: N/A	(2002)	(2001)	(2000)	(1999)	
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____					N/A
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____					N/A
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)					N/A
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount on line 23, column (e) N/A					N/A
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					N/A %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					N/A %

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

NONE

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)		
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32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	32d	
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33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	33h	
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34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Asset No	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Amount Of Depreciation
1	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	VARIES		5.00	16	456,267.			456,267.	403,086.		21,234.
2	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	VARIES		43M	43	22,171.			22,171.	20,621.		2,025.
	* TOTAL 990 PAGE 2 DEPR & AMORT					478,438.		0.	478,438.	423,707.	0.	23,259.

* ITC, Section 179, Salvage, HR 3090, Commercial Revitalization Deduction

(D) - Asset disposed

FORM 990	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT 1
DESCRIPTION	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	(D) FUNDRAISING
CONSULTANTS	1,801.	1,765.	36.	
CONTRACTS WITH SERVICE BUREAU	2,244.	1,930.	224.	90.
INSURANCE	2,729.	2,347.	273.	109.
OUTREACH	1,340.	1,152.	134.	54.
MISCELLANEOUS	7,959.	6,845.	796.	318.
ONLINE SERVICE	10,648.	10,009.		639.
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS	14,502.	13,632.		870.
COMPUTER EXPENSES	3,071.	2,641.	307.	123.
CD ROM UPDATES	151.	130.	15.	6.
TOTAL TO FM 990, LN 43	44,445.	40,451.	1,785.	2,209.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE STATEMENT 2
PART III

EXPLANATION

SPECIALIZES IN THE STUDY OF CONGRESS AND PARTICULARLY THE ROLE THAT MONEY
PLAYS IN ITS ELECTIONS AND ACTIONS.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICE ONE

OUTREACH - PUBLIC EDUCATION INCLUDING NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND ASSISTANCE TO REPORTERS, MEDIA AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON MONEY IN POLITICS ISSUES, DEVELOPMENTS AND RESEARCH TECHNIQUES.

	GRANTS	EXPENSES
TO FORM 990, PART III, LINE A		554,268.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICE TWO

NATIONAL LIBRARY ON MONEY AND POLITICS - A RESEARCH CENTER WITH MULTIPLE DATABASES ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND OTHER MONEY IN POLITICS STATISTICS AND INFORMATION, WHICH SERVES AS A MONEY INFORMATIONAL RESOURCE TO THE PUBLIC, THE PRESS AND ACADEMIA.

	GRANTS	EXPENSES
TO FORM 990, PART III, LINE B		36,223.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS STATEMENT 5

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICE THREE

RESEARCH & ANALYSIS - NONPARTISAN ANALYSIS, STUDY AND RESEARCH ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO POLITICS, CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SEVERAL PUBLICATIONS CONCERNING PACS, SO-CALLED "SOFTMONEY", ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE VOTES AND CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

	GRANTS	EXPENSES
TO FORM 990, PART III, LINE C		461,733.

FORM 990 DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS NOT HELD FOR INVESTMENT STATEMENT 6

DESCRIPTION	COST OR OTHER BASIS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	BOOK VALUE
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	456,267.	424,320.	31,947.
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	22,171.	22,646.	<475.>
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LN 57	478,438.	446,966.	31,472.

FORM 990 PART V - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES STATEMENT 7

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
LARRY NOBLE ALL MAY BE CONTACTED AT THE ORGANIZATION'S ADDRESS	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40+	125,000.	5,000.	0.
PAUL HOFF COMPENSATED BOARD MEMBERS	CHAIRMAN 2-5	0.	0.	0.
SONIA JARVIS	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
HON. CHARLES MCC. MATHIAS	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
ELLEN S. MILLER	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
JOHN G. MURPHY	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
SPENCER OVERTON	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
FRANK P. REICHE	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
WHITNEY NORTH SEYMOUR, JR.	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
ROBERT A. WEINBERGER	BOARD MEMBER 1	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON FORM 990, PART V		125,000.	5,000.	0.

SCHEDULE A

OTHER INCOME

STATEMENT 10

DESCRIPTION	2002 AMOUNT	2001 AMOUNT	2000 AMOUNT	1999 AMOUNT
MISCELLANEOUS	2,881.	6,344.	5,065.	10,605.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE A, LINE 22	2,881.	6,344.	5,065.	10,605.

Depreciation and Amortization 990
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

Business or activity to which this form relates

Identifying number

CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS

FORM 990 PAGE 2

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Part I Election To Expense Certain Tangible Property Under Section 179 Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	100,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	400,000.
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)
		(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2002 Form 4562	10
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2004 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election (see instructions)	15
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS) (see instructions)	21,234.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions.)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2003	17
18	If you are electing under section 168(i)(4) to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2003 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/		27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2003 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 40-year	/		40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr	22
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		24b If "Yes," is the evidence written?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use							25	
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:								
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person.

If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year	
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2003 tax year.						
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2003 tax year					43	2,025.
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See instructions for where to report					44	2,025.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Note: Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time - Only submit original (no copies needed)

Note: Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only
 All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS	Employer identification number 52-1275227
File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1101 14TH STREET, NW, NO. 1030	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. WASHINGTON, DC 20005	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

- | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the **whole group**, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-month, for **990-T corporation**) extension of time until **AUGUST 16, 2004** to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year **2003** or
 ▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

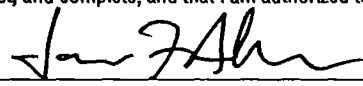
3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ _____

b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit \$ _____

c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ **N/A**

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ▶  Title ▶ **CPA** Date ▶ **4/30/04**

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instruction

Form 8868 (12-2000)

• If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box

Note: Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

Part II Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time - Must file Original and One Copy.

Type or print. File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS	Employer identification number 52-1275227
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1101 14TH STREET, NW, NO. 1030	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. WASHINGTON, DC 20005	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

- Form 990 Form 990-EZ Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) Form 1041-A Form 5227 Form 8870
- Form 990-BL Form 990-PF Form 990-T (trust other than above) Form 4720 Form 6069

STOP: Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the **whole group**, check this box . If it is for **part of the group**, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

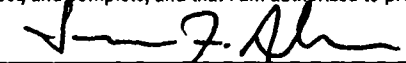
- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2004**.
- 5 For calendar year **2003**, or other tax year beginning _____ and ending _____.
- 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension
ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED FOR PREPARING A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN

- 8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ _____
- b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868 \$ _____
- c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ **N/A**

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature  Title **CPA** Date **7/26/04**

Notice to Applicant - To Be Completed by the IRS

- We have approved this application. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
- We have not approved this application. However, we have granted a 10-day grace period from the later of the date shown below or the due date of the organization's return (including any prior extensions). This grace period is considered to be a valid extension of time for elections otherwise required to be made on a timely return. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
- We have not approved this application. After considering the reasons stated in item 7, we cannot grant your request for an extension of time to file. We are not granting the 10-day grace period.
- We cannot consider this application because it was filed after the due date of the return for which an extension was requested.
- Other _____

EXTENSION APPROVED
AUG 17 2004
Date **FIELD DIRECTOR,**
SUBMISSION PROCESSING, OGDEN

Director _____ By: _____

Alternate Mailing Address - Enter the address if you want the copy of this application for an additional 3-month extension returned to an address different than the one entered above.

Type or print	Name GELMAN, ROSENBERG & FREEDMAN
	Number and street (include suite, room, or apt. no.) Or a P.O. box number 4550 MONTGOMERY AVE., SUITE 650 NORTH
	City or town, province or state, and country (including postal or ZIP code) BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814-2930

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