

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 black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**  
 The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047  
**2012**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2012, 2012, and ending 06-30-2013**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND  Doing Business As		<b>D</b> Employer identification number  31-1705370
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1133 19TH STREET NW NO 900	<b>E</b> Telephone number  (202) 833-1200	
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 WASHINGTON, DC 20036		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 5,793,938
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer ELIZABETH G MARCHANT 1133 19TH STREET NW NO 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20036		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)  <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (Insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
<b>J</b> Website: N/A			
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other			<b>L</b> Year of formation 2000
			<b>M</b> State of legal domicile DE

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN THE CORE VALUES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	27
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	27
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	2,087
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	0	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	4,716,201	5,508,097
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	15,500	82,113
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,276	3,641
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0	-27,387
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	4,732,977	5,566,464
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0	0
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	2,844,695	3,314,139
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <u>225,346</u>	1,568	7,000
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,527,481	1,852,587
	<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,373,744	5,173,726
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	359,233	392,738	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,206,040	2,400,932
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	938,947	529,025
		1,267,093	1,871,907

**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

<b>Sign Here</b>	***** Signature of officer	2013-11-12 Date			
	ELIZABETH G MARCHANT SR VP, OPERATIONS Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Prnt/Type preparer's name ELIZABETH W HELLER	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN 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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission  
 THE COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND (CCFE) IS A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO RESTORING THE CORE VALUES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, REINVENTING AN OPEN, HONEST, AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT THAT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND EMPOWERING ORDINARY PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS CCFE EMPLOYS RESEARCH, OUTREACH, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, AND COALITION BUILDING TO INCREASE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF HOW OUR DEMOCRACY WORKS, EMPOWER CITIZENS TO HOLD THEIR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE, AND PROMOTE BROAD AND EFFECTIVE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS

**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 \$ 1,864,028 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 65,150 )  
 VOTING AND ELECTIONS-SPEARHEADED AND COORDINATED A LARGE SCALE ELECTION DAY EFFORT TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS, INCLUDING -RECRUITMENT OF 3,000-PLUS TRAINED VOLUNTEER POLL WORKERS AND POLL MONITORS AT HUNDREDS OF POLLING PLACES IN 18 STATES TO BLUNT THE IMPACT OF VOTER SUPPRESSION EFFORTS TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM VOTING -RELEASE OF A SERIES OF CO-AUTHORED VOTING-RELATED REPORTS THAT ALERTED THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC TO EFFORTS BY PARTISAN ACTIVISTS TO DEPRESS VOTER TURNOUT, HIGHLIGHTED WEAKNESSES IN STATE LAWS SAFEGUARDING VOTING RIGHTS AND PROVIDED A STATE-BY-STATE LOOK AT VOTING MACHINERY AND THE PREPAREDNESS OF STATE OFFICIALS TO DEAL WITH THE CRUNCH OF ELECTION DAY - WORKING WITH DIVERSE PARTNERS IN PARTNERS IN 23 STATES TO PROVIDE VOTERS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING AS PART THE NATIONAL ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE STAFFED WITH VOLUNTEER LAWYERS ASSISTING VOTERS AND POLL MONITORS THROUGHOUT ELECTION DAY -WORKED DIRECTLY WITH ELECTION OFFICIALS AND A DIVERSE GROUP OF PARTNERS TO STRENGTHEN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AND PUSHED BACK AGAINST VOTER SUPPRESSION ATTEMPTS -WORKED TO HALT THE RUSH TOWARD INTERNET VOTING UNTIL SUCH SYSTEMS CAN BE PROVEN SECURE AND VERIFIABLE

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 1,599,485 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 6,180 )  
 MONEY AND POLITICS-EDUCATED THE PUBLIC, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS ABOUT INSTRUCTING CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ENACT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REVERSE THE SUPREME COURT'S CITIZENS UNITED DECISION -CONTINUED TO EXPOSE EFFORTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL (ALEC) TO EXERT CORPORATE INFLUENCE OVER THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AT THE STATE LEVEL SCORED A VICTORY FOR TRANSPARENCY WHEN ALEC ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD MAKE ITS MODEL BILLS AVAILABLE ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER 40 YEARS ORGANIZED SCREENINGS OF THE FILM THE UNITED STATES OF ALEC IN TWENTY-TWO STATES -LED STATE-LEVEL EFFORTS TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR MANDATORY DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL SPENDING AND SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OF CORPORATE POLITICAL SPENDING IN CA,CT,HI, IL,MA,MD,NM, AND NY - PARTNERED WITH ALLIES, ACTIVISTS AND STUDENTS TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT LENDING CORPORATE GIANT SALLIE MAE TO HIGHLIGHT HOW CORPORATE POLITICAL SPENDING CAN BE USED TO BLOCK REFORM THAT BENEFITS THE PUBLIC WE ORGANIZED AROUND THE ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING IN SUPPORT OF A SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DISCLOSURE OF TREASURY FUNDS SPENT ON LOBBYING OR GIVEN TO ENTITIES ENGAGED IN LOBBYING THE RESOLUTION GARNERED 27% OF THE VOTE THE CEO AGREED TO MEET LATER WITH THE STUDENTS -LED A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN CALIFORNIA EDUCATING DECISION MAKERS AND THE PUBLIC- AT- LARGE ON THE BENEFITS OF SMALL-DONOR CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEMS

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 775,290 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 ETHICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-FILED AN APPEAL IN THE D C CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE SENATE'S FILIBUSTER RULE

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 9,775 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 10,783 )  
 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS-ASSISTED WITH CIVIL SOCIETY EFFORTS IN SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 45,191 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 YOUTH PROGRAMS-WORKED IN NUMEROUS STATES TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ACT AS POLL MONITORS DURING THE ELECTIONS -ENGAGED STUDENTS IN DEMOCRACY ISSUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 312,749 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 MEDIA & DEMOCRACY-EDUCATED AND ENGAGED CITIZENS, OPINION LEADERS AND POLICY MAKERS IN DIALOGUE ABOUT THE NEED TO PUT THE PUBLIC INTEREST FIRST IN A RAPIDLY EVOLVING MEDIA ENVIRONMENT AND TO FIGHT FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO OPEN AND DIVERSE MEDIA PLATFORMS CRITICAL TO OUR FUNCTIONING AS A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
 (Expenses \$ 367,715 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 10,783 )

**4e** Total program service expenses **▶** 4,606,518

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>3</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>5</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>6</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>7</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>9</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>10</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>11</b> 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		
<b>a</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>b</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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>c</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>d</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>f</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>b</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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
<b>b</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>		No
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
<b>17</b> 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 (see instructions)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>18</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>19</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

<b>21</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> . . . . .	<b>21</b>		No
<b>22</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . .	<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>23</b>	Yes	
<b>24a</b>	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 25</i> . . . . .	<b>24a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	<b>24b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>25a</b>		No
<b>b</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> . . . . .	<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>27</b>		No
<b>28</b>	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)			
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>28c</b>	Yes	
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>29</b>	Yes	
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>34</b>	Yes	
<b>35a</b>	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>		No
<b>b</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> . . . . .	<b>35b</b>		
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>36</b>	Yes	
<b>37</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
<b>2a</b>	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.		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
<b>4a</b>	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)?		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	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?		No
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	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?		No
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
<b>7g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		No
<b>7h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		No
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>13a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
<b>13b</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.		
<b>13c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
<b>14b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI . . . . . [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (27); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (27); 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? (No); 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? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 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? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 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 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b 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?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b 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 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 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? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); 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? (No); 16b 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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 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, 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); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply: [ ] Own website, [ ] Another's website, [X] 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, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization (BETTE MARCHANT - SR VP OPERATIONS 1133 19TH STREET NW 900 WASHINGTON, DC (202) 833-1200).





**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . <b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . <b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . <b>1c</b>	102,745				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . <b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) <b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1f</b>	5,405,352				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$	49,460				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .	5,508,097				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	Business Code					
	<b>2a</b> PROGRAM FEES	900099	82,113	82,113		
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		82,113				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		3,055		3,055	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less rental expenses				
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	50,046			
		(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	49,460			
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	586			
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		586		586	
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 102,745 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>	149,650			
		<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	178,014			
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			-28,364		-28,364	
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
<b>11a</b> MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	900099	827		827		
<b>b</b> LIST RENTAL INCOME	900099	150		150		
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		977				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		5,566,464	82,113	0	-23,746	

**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 to any question in this Part IX

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21.				
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members.				
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	312,845	278,230	10,886	23,729
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages.	2,343,239	2,033,722	50,499	259,018
<b>8</b>	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	108,179	94,163	2,500	11,516
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits.	349,558	302,954	8,758	37,846
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes.	200,318	174,364	4,630	21,324
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management.	301,152	301,152		
<b>b</b>	Legal.	16,065	7,200	8,865	
<b>c</b>	Accounting.	16,480		16,480	
<b>d</b>	Lobbying.				
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	7,000			7,000
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees.	651		651	
<b>g</b>	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	266,664	266,664		
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion.	256,452	245,643		10,809
<b>13</b>	Office expenses.	144,645	129,943	542	14,160
<b>14</b>	Information technology.	31,574	31,550		24
<b>15</b>	Royalties.				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy.	378,471	153,155	225,316	
<b>17</b>	Travel.	359,988	350,258		9,730
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	240,563	228,308		12,255
<b>20</b>	Interest.				
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates.				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.				
<b>23</b>	Insurance.				
<b>24</b>	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.)				
<b>a</b>	REGISTRATION FEES	10,750	970	9,780	
<b>b</b>	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	3,890	8,242	-301	-4,051
<b>c</b>	FINANCIAL SERVICES AND	3,256		3,256	
<b>d</b>	SPECIAL EVENTS TO PART	-178,014			-178,014
<b>e</b>	All other expenses				
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e.	5,173,726	4,606,518	341,862	225,346
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	1,380,181	<b>1</b>	558,894
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	783,350	<b>3</b>	940,103
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> 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 instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	3,425	<b>9</b>	3,425
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>	<b>10c</b>	
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	39,084	<b>11</b>	898,510
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	2,206,040	<b>16</b>	2,400,932	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	62,569	<b>17</b>	55,766
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 . . . . .	876,378	<b>25</b>	473,259
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	938,947	<b>26</b>	529,025
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	-535,149	<b>27</b>	-212,225
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	1,802,242	<b>28</b>	2,084,132
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	1,267,093	<b>33</b>	1,871,907	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	2,206,040	<b>34</b>	2,400,932	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	5,566,464
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	5,173,726
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	392,738
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	1,267,093
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	105,861
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	106,215
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	1,871,907

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
<b>2b</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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
<b>2c</b> 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	Yes	
<b>3a</b> 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?		No
<b>3b</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		

**Additional Data**

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 31-1705370  
**Name:** COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

**Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted 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 CHAIR	1 00 1 00	X		X				0	0	0
MARTHA TIERNEY VICE-CHAIR	1 00 1 00	X		X				0	0	0
RIC BAINTER BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
BENJAMIN BARBER BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
CRAIG S BARNES BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
EMMET J BONDURANT BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
CORNELL W BROOKS ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
PETER A BUTZIN BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
DAN CONLEY BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
GLORIA RUBIO-CORTES BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
BUTLER C DERRICK ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD DREYFUSS BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
DR JONATHAN F FANTON BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
LEONARD HILL BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM HUBBARD BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
OLGA KAUFFMAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
OLENA BERG LACY BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
MARILYN MELKONIAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
LENNY MENDONCA BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
ANGELA ONWUACHI-WILLIG BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
HAROLD PACHIOS THROUGH FEBRUARY BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
CHANG K PARK BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
NANCY RATZAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
PATRICIA S SCHROEDER BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD STANLEY BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MARGERY TELLER BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
WES TOMER BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
TRACY WESTEN THROUGH FEBRUARY BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
ALAN WIERSBA BOARD MEMBER	1 00 1 00	X						0	0	0
BOB EDGAR CEO, COMMON CAUSE (THROUGH APRIL)	0 00 37 50	X						0	196,638	27,752
ELIZABETH MARCHANT SR VP, OPERATIONS	18 00 19 50			X				83,199	90,132	18,225
KAREN HOBERT FLYNN SR VP, STRATEGY & PROGRAMS	30 00 7 50				X			129,077	32,269	9,898
MARY ANDERSON VP, COMMUNICATIONS	8 00 29 50					X		26,110	96,279	20,987
ARN PEARSON VP, PROGRAMS	22 00 15 50					X		70,687	49,802	24,416
SUSAN LERNER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	28 10 9 40					X		75,643	25,214	1,200

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2012**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

**Name of the organization**

COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

**Employer identification number**

31-1705370

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box )

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E )
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II )
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II )
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )
- 9  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 exempt 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)**. (Complete Part III )
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h  
 a  Type I b  Type II c  Type III - Functionally integrated d  Type III - Non-functionally integrated
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f  If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?  
 (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?  
 (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?  
 (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3,912,186	4,240,292	5,484,378	4,716,201	5,508,097	23,861,154
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	3,912,186	4,240,292	5,484,378	4,716,201	5,508,097	23,861,154
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						3,820,289
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						20,040,865

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	3,912,186	4,240,292	5,484,378	4,716,201	5,508,097	23,861,154
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	11,566	-1,806	344	1,411	3,055	14,570
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)		19,924			977	20,901
<b>11 Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						23,896,625

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) **12** 247,263

**13 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	83.860%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	81.650%

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2012.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support test—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6 )						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2012</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2011</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

<b>Facts And Circumstances Test</b>
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<b>Explanation</b>
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SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME MISCELLANEOUS

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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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.
See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of the organization: COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND
Employer identification number: 31-1705370

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?
4a Was a correction made?
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?
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization.

**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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	0													
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	0													
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	0													
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures	5,351,740													
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	5,351,740													
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	417,587													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%;">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														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	104,397													
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
<b>j</b>	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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	349,299	374,729	368,687	417,587	1,510,302
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,265,453
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	87,325	93,682	92,172	104,397	377,576
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					566,364
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
<b>i</b> Other activities?			
<b>j</b> Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	<b>3</b>	

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures <b>(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).</b>		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2012

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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. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

Employer identification number

31-1705370

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and questions about donor informed status.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements including checkboxes for preservation purposes, questions about easement details, and monitoring requirements.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets including questions about reporting requirements and amounts.

**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
- b**  Scholarly research
- c**  Preservation for future generations
- d**  Loan or exchange programs
- e**  Other

**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

	Amount
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- 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

	Yes	No
<b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(i)</b>	
<b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(ii)</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .	<b>3b</b>	

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .				0



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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	5,850,339
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	105,861
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	178,014
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	283,875
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	5,566,464
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	5,566,464

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	5,351,740
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	178,014
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	178,014
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	5,173,726
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	5,173,726

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to 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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR INCOME TAX POSITIONS TAKEN THEREFORE, MANAGEMENT HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANY UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS GENERALLY, INCOME TAX RETURNS RELATED TO THE CURRENT AND THREE PRIOR YEARS REMAIN OPEN FOR EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE TO PART VIII 178,014
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE TO PART VIII 178,014

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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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. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND

Employer identification number 31-1705370

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

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

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

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual... 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

Table with 6 columns: (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. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

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

**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
		<u>DINNER</u> (event type)	<u>SEMINAR</u> (event type)	<u>2</u> (total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	156,890	77,715	17,790	252,395
	<b>2</b> Less Contributions . . . . .	89,690	5,505	7,550	102,745
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	67,200	72,210	10,240	149,650
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .			342	342
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	20,444	71,317	4,831	96,592
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .				
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	35,256	41,100	4,724	81,080
<b>10</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶					(178,014)
<b>11</b> Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 . . . . . ▶					-28,364

**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))
		<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .			
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Non-cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
<b>6</b> Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>7</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶					
<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) . . . . . ▶					

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to operate 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Does the organization operate 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 operated in

<b>a</b> The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	
<b>b</b> An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	

**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 distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to 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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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**Schedule J**  
(Form 990)

**Compensation Information**

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

- 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.
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)            |

**b** If any of the boxes in 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

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?  
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

**Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only 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?
- b** Any related organization?

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?
- b** Any related organization?

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

**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

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>2</b>	Yes	
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		No
<b>5b</b>		No
<b>6a</b>		No
<b>6b</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		

**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 reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) BOB EDGAR CEO, COMMON CAUSE (THROUGH APRIL)	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	170,238	0	26,400	11,995	19,294	227,927	0
(2) ELIZABETH MARCHANT SR VP, OPERATIONS	(i)	83,199	0	0	4,847	5,475	93,521	0
	(ii)	90,132	0	0	5,251	5,931	101,314	0
(3) KAREN HOBERT FLYNN SR VP, STRATEGY & PROGRAMS	(i)	129,077	0	0	2,362	6,192	137,631	0
	(ii)	32,269	0	0	591	1,548	34,408	0
(4) MARY ANDERSON VP, COMMUNICATIONS	(i)	26,110	0	0	1,655	4,363	32,128	0
	(ii)	96,279	0	0	6,104	16,089	118,472	0

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to 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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	PART I, LINE 1A	SEE ANSWER TO LINE 1B
	PART I, LINE 1B	BOB EDGAR, WHO RECEIVED THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE, WAS A METHODIST MINISTER WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN DISPENSATION BY HIS CHURCH TO WORK WITH COMMON CAUSE AND THE EDUCATION FUND HIS BISHOP APPROVED THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE AND CC/EF'S BOARDS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED IT HIS SALARY WAS REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE CC/EF WOULD ORDINARILY NOT PROVIDE A HOUSING ALLOWANCE IN THE CASE OF NON-CLERGY, AND SO A SEPARATE WRITTEN POLICY WAS NOT DEVELOPED

Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

Table with 4 main columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? (Yes/No)

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 \$
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

Table with 9 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization (To/From), (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default? (Yes/No), (h) Approved by board or committee? (Yes/No), (i) Written agreement? (Yes/No)

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) COMMON CAUSE	COMMON BOARD MEMBERS	0	PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE R FOR ALL REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND AND COMMON CAUSE		No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE L, PART IV		COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND AND COMMON CAUSE ARE TWO SECTION 501(C) ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHARE COMMON BOARD MEMBERS ALL OF THE EDUCATION FUND'S BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALSO BOARD MEMBERS OF COMMON CAUSE PLEASE SEE SCHEDULES L AND R FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES

SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

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.

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Part I Types of Property

Table with 4 columns: (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. Row 9 shows 10 securities with 49,460 FMV.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 30a asks about property held for at least three years. Row 31 asks about gift acceptance policy. Row 32a asks about hiring third parties. Row 33 asks about reporting amounts.

**Part III** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to 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.

Identifier

Return Reference

Explanation

Schedule M (Form 990) (2012)

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	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 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 TRANSACTION 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 EFFORTS 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 THE FUND, 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	PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE EDUCATION FUND ARE EMPLOYED BY COMMON CAUSE, A SISTER ORGANIZATION THE NARRATIVE BELOW DESCRIBES COMMON CAUSE'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS 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 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, SECTION C, LINE 19	COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND 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
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	UNREIMBURSED STATE AFFILIATE COSTS 106,215
	FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THERE WAS NO CHANGE TO THE REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS DURING THE YEAR

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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" to 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
(1) COMMON CAUSE 1133 19TH STREET NW 900 WASHINGTON, DC 20036 52-6078441	ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION RELATED TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE NAT'L PROCESS	DC	501(C)(4)				No

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership 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) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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" to 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

**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
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>1c</b>		No
<b>1d</b>		No
<b>1e</b>		No
<b>1f</b>		No
<b>1g</b>		No
<b>1h</b>		No
<b>1i</b>		No
<b>1j</b>		No
<b>1k</b>		No
<b>1l</b>		No
<b>1m</b>		No
<b>1n</b>	Yes	
<b>1o</b>	Yes	
<b>1p</b>	Yes	
<b>1q</b>		No
<b>1r</b>		No
<b>1s</b>		No

**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 other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
<b>(1)</b> COMMON CAUSE	N	376,531	ACTUAL COST
<b>(2)</b> COMMON CAUSE	O	3,394,615	ACTUAL COST
<b>(3)</b> COMMON CAUSE	P	4,879,925	ACTUAL COST



**Part VII Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

**Identifier****Return Reference****Explanation**

**Software ID:**  
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**EIN:** 31-1705370  
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