Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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2020

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020 , and ending 12-31-2020

B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 13 FL

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
NEW YORK, NY 10013

D Employer identification number
14-2007220

E Telephone number
(212) 514-5250

G Gross receipts $ 37,821,284

F Name and address of principal officer:
RICHARD J TOFEL
155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 13 FL
NEW YORK,NY 10013

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: ☑ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.PROPUBLICA.ORG

K Form of organization: ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2007

M State of legal domicile: DE

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST. BY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING.

2 Check this box ▶☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	13
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5	162
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	13
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	202,933
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	137,708

	Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue		
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	37,366,751	36,816,824
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	620,950	77,000
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	514,196	146,510
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	744,987	472,758
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	39,246,884	37,513,092
Expenses		
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	1,384,457	1,728,901
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	20,702,693	22,874,147
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	9,600	13,300
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶1,436,519		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	6,533,836	5,591,844
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	28,630,586	30,208,192
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	10,616,298	7,304,900

Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	51,252,809	58,666,359
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	748,489	883,526
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	50,504,320	57,782,833

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer — Date: 2021-08-24

RICHARD J TOFEL PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
		2021-08-24		P00543209

Firm's name ▶ PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP — Firm's EIN ▶ 27-1728945

Firm's address ▶ 500 MAMARONECK AVENUE, HARRISON, NY 105281633 — Phone no. (914) 381-8900

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 or note to any line in this Part III . . . . ☑

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

PRO PUBLICA IS AN INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING NEWSROOM THAT PRODUCES INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. OUR WORK FOCUSES EXCLUSIVELY ON TRULY IMPORTANT STORIES. WE PRODUCE JOURNALISM THAT SHINES A LIGHT ON EXPLOITATION OF THE WEAK BY THE STRONG AND ON THE FAILURES OF THOSE WITH POWER TO VINDICATE THE TRUST PLACED IN THEM. IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WE AIM TO STIMULATE POSITIVE CHANGE, UNCOVERING UNSAVORY PRACTICES AND ABUSES OF POWER IN ORDER TO PROD REFORM. WE DO THIS IN AN ENTIRELY NON-PARTISAN AND NON-IDEOLOGICAL MANNER, ADHERING TO THE STRICTEST STANDARDS OF JOURNALISTIC IMPARTIALITY.OUR STATED MISSION IS "TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST BY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING."

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 $ 25,867,160 including grants of $ 1,728,901) (Revenue $ 146,395)

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST:OUR JOURNALISM SPURRED DRAMATIC CHANGES IN 2020. SEN. RICHARD BURR RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE AFTER OUR REVELATIONS ABOUT HIS STOCK TRADING JUST BEFORE THE CORONAVIRUS MARKET CRASH. AFTER 33 YEARS BEHIND BARS, A MAN OUR REPORTING SHOWED WAS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON IN TEXAS. CHICAGO'S PUNITIVE TICKETING PRACTICES WERE OUTLAWED AFTER WE SHINED A LIGHT ON THEM. AFTER OUR STORY, CONGRESS PASSED LEGISLATION TO STOP UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCIES FROM DEMANDING MONEY BACK WHEN THEY MISTAKENLY OVERPAY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BACKED OUT OF WHAT WE REVEALED TO BE MULTIPLE SKETCHY CORONAVIRUS CONTRACTS, AND LANDLORDS ACROSS FOUR STATES REVERSED ILLEGAL EVICTION FILINGS IN THE FACE OF OUR INQUIRIES.OUR WORK BROUGHT CLARITY TO THE STAKES AND CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19, INCLUDING STORIES ON MISSTEPS AT THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION THAT HAMPERED THE NATION'S ABILITY TO TRACK AND CONTAIN THE VIRUS'S SPREAD, AS WELL AS UNPRECEDENTED WHITE HOUSE MEDDLING INSIDE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY. WE PUBLISHED CRITICAL EXPLANATORY PIECES ON ASYMPTOMATIC CARRIERS, ANTIBODY TESTS AND HOW TO UNDERSTAND CORONAVIRUS NUMBERS. STORIES ALSO SHED LIGHT ON RACE AND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY, INEQUITIES IN MICHIGAN'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (INCLUDING THE STORY OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TEEN INCARCERATED FOR FAILING TO COMPLETE HER ONLINE COURSEWORK), AND RACIAL DISPARITIES ACROSS THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. PROPUBLICA'S ELECTIONLAND ALSO PRODUCED REVELATORY REPORTING ON U.S. POSTAL SERVICE SLOWDOWNS, VOTING-BY-MAIL CONCERNS AND THE PROLIFERATION OF VOTING MISINFORMATION.

4b (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4c (Code:) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

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

(Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4e **Total program service expenses** ▶ 25,867,160

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	187		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c		

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance *(continued)*

		Line	Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . **2a** 162			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	**2b**	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year? . . .	**3a**	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . .	**3b**	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . .	**4a**		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . .	**5a**		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	**5b**		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . .	**5c**		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . .	**6a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . .	**6b**		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . .	**7a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . .	**7b**		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . .	**7c**		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year **7d**			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	**7e**		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	**7f**		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . .	**7g**		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . .	**7h**		
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	**8**		
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**			
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	**9a**		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .	**9b**		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . **10a**			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities **10b**			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders . . . **11a**			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . . **11b**			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	**12a**		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. **12b**			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	**13a**		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans **13b**			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . **13c**			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . .	**14a**		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O* . .	**14b**		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? . . . If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	**15**		No
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? . . If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	**16**		No

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 or note to any line in this Part VI . . . ☑

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	1a 13			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 12			
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?		2		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?		3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		6		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?		7a		No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?		8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		8b	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*		9		No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ AL,AR,CA,FL,GA,HI,IL,KS,KY,MD,MA,MI,MN,NH,NJ,NM,NY,NC,ND,OR,PA,RI,SC,TN,UT,VA,WV,WI

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A 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 ☑ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:

▶STEPHANIE N LITTLE VP FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 13 FL NEW YORK, NY 10013 (212) 514-5250

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

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position: Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
(1) PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	30.00	X		X				49,325	0	6,617
(2) PAUL SAGAN CHAIRMAN	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) DANIELLE ALLEN DIRECTOR THRU 12/13/20	1.00	X						0	0	0
(4) CLAIRE BERNARD DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(5) MARK COLODNY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) STEVE DAETZ DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) ANGELA FILO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) HENRY LOUIS GATES JR DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) CLAIRE HOFFMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) KATIE MCGRATH DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) ROBERT CS MONKS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) RONALD OLSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(13) JAMES STONE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(14) S DONALD SUSSMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(15) STEPHEN ENGELBERG CO-CEO & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF	40.00			X				418,112	0	51,331
(16) RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT CO-CEO & TREASURER	40.00			X				427,692	0	27,187
(17) RAGAN RHYNE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT & SECRETARY	40.00			X				265,159	0	14,760

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
(18) ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	40.00					X		306,360	0	17,976
(19) JESSE EISINGER SENIOR EDITOR & REPORTER	40.00					X		242,770	0	46,753
(20) CHARLES ORNSTEIN SENIOR EDITOR	40.00					X		241,461	0	43,904
(21) TRACY WEBER DEPUTY MANAGING EDITOR	40.00					X		233,262	0	34,915
(22) JOSEPH SEXTON SENIOR EDITOR	40.00					X		227,524	0	31,980

	(D)	(E)	(F)
1b Sub-Total ▶			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ▶			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ▶	2,411,665	0	275,423

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 84

		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**3**		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**4**	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization?*If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	**5**		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
RYAN MCCARTHY 240 12TH STREET APT 2 BROOKLYN, NY 11215	EDITING SERVICES	142,658
AMAZON WEB SERVICES PO BOX 84023 SEATTLE, WA 981248423	WEBSITE HOSTING SERVICES	132,697

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
1a Federated campaigns	1a					
b Membership dues	1b					
c Fundraising events	1c					
d Related organizations	1d					
e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	36,816,824				
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:$	1g	306,075				
h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f . . . . ▶			36,816,824			

Program Service Revenue

	Business Code	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
2a JOURNALISM AND EDITORIAL FEES	519130	77,000	77,000		
b					
c					
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue.					
g **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f. . . . . ▶		77,000			

Other Revenue

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶	146,204			146,204
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶				
5 Royalties . . . . ▶	123,700	69,395		54,305

		(i) Real	(ii) Personal
6a Gross rents	6a		
b Less: rental expenses	6b		
c Rental income or (loss)	6c		

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
d Net rental income or (loss) . . . . ▶				

		(i) Securities	(ii) Other
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	308,498	
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	308,192	
c Gain or (loss)	7c	306	

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
d Net gain or (loss) . . . . ▶	306			306

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ ______ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
b Less: direct expenses	8b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . .	9a					
b Less: direct expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less						

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
returns and allowances . .	10a					
b Less: cost of goods sold . .	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a ADVERTISING REVENUE		541800	202,933		202,933	
b INSURANCE REIMB. OF LEGAL FEES		900099	116,536			116,536
c HONORARIA AND OTHER REVENUE		900099	29,589			29,589
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . . ▶			349,058			
12 Total revenue. See instructions . . . . . ▶			37,513,092	146,395	202,933	346,940

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	1,577,740	1,577,740		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	151,161	151,161		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,260,183	525,386	454,878	279,919
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	17,660,400	15,653,192	1,553,651	453,557
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	726,400	646,382	62,457	17,561
9 Other employee benefits	1,839,632	1,590,044	175,955	73,633
10 Payroll taxes	1,387,532	1,209,191	129,003	49,338
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	190,501	165,150	9,961	15,390
c Accounting	63,650		63,650	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	13,300			13,300
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	535,731	526,985	7,782	964
12 Advertising and promotion	285,185	225,449	49,376	10,360
13 Office expenses	616,704	268,606	36,206	311,892
14 Information technology	942,927	748,890	87,087	106,950
15 Royalties . .				
16 Occupancy	1,300,263	1,112,105	126,666	61,492
17 Travel	387,796	376,594	7,375	3,827
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	18,058	16,172	450	1,436
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . .	329,604	280,164	32,960	16,480
23 Insurance . . .	364,973	287,716	60,316	16,941
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a UBIT TAX EXPENSE	6,900		6,900	
b PUBLIC REC. COP. & SUBS	339,338	339,338		
c RECRUITMENT/PROF DEVEL.	125,428	92,204	32,041	1,183
d REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	54,268	47,225	4,747	2,296
e All other expenses	30,518	27,466	3,052	
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	30,208,192	25,867,160	2,904,513	1,436,519
26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ▶ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X **Balance Sheet**

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

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash-non-interest-bearing		5,266,631	1	4,195,076
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		27,716,756	2	37,782,891
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		16,985,216	3	15,350,410
	4	Accounts receivable, net		24,712	4	27,793
	5	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . .			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		530,134	9	764,575
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,375,843			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 890,739	628,991	10c	485,104
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities .		15,200	11	14,866
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . .			13	
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		85,169	15	45,644
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . .		51,252,809	16	58,666,359
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		254,144	17	462,210
	18	Grants payable . . .			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		494,345	19	421,316
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . .			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . .			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25	
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25 . .		748,489	26	883,526
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.**				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		28,252,244	27	34,370,956
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		22,252,076	28	23,411,877
		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . .			30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		50,504,320	32	57,782,833
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		51,252,809	33	58,666,359

Part XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . ☑

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	37,513,092
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	30,208,192
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	7,304,900
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	50,504,320
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-24,495
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-1,892
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column	10	57,782,833

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . ☑

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

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.
▶ Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

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 12, 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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)

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 agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:

10 ☐ 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.)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

12 ☐ 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 in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . ______

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	**(ii)** EIN	**(iii)** Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	**(iv)** Is the organization listed in your governing document?		**(v)** Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	**(vi)** Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	**No**		
Total						

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 failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . .	13,765,153	43,063,123	25,576,127	37,366,751	36,816,824	156,587,978
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3	13,765,153	43,063,123	25,576,127	37,366,751	36,816,824	156,587,978
5 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). .						21,552,941
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.						135,035,037

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. .	13,765,153	43,063,123	25,576,127	37,366,751	36,816,824	156,587,978
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . .	105,365	91,606	449,799	635,480	200,509	1,482,759
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. .	8,230	52,755	36,395	68,949	137,708	304,037
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). .	245,214	108,258	230,179	454,278	146,125	1,184,054
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						159,558,828

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 1,860,963

13 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . ▶☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . 14 84.630 %

15 Public support percentage for 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . 15 78.480 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2020.** 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—2019.** 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—2020.** 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . ▶☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019.** 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 VI 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 10 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) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
2 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						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . .						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
8 **Public support.** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6. . .						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . .						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . .						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.). .						

14 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**. . . . . ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for **2020** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from **2019** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2020.** 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—2019.** 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 Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.*	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).*	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? *If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.*	3a		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.*	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.*	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.*	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.*	4b		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.*	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? *If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI,** including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).*	5a		
b	**Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b		
c	**Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) .*	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).*	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	9b		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI.***	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? *If "Yes," answer line 10b below.*	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).*	10b		

Part IV **Supporting Organizations** (continued)

			Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?	**11a**		
b	A family member of a person described in 11a above?	**11b**		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? *If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in **Part VI**.*	**11c**		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*	**1**		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*	**2**		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*	**1**		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	**1**		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*	**2**		
3	By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*	**3**		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year **(see instructions)**:

a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.

b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.

c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

			Yes	No
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in **Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain** how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*	**2a**		
b	Did the activities described in line 2a constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*	**2b**		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations?*If "Yes" or "No" provide details in **Part VI.***	**3a**		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI.** the role played by the organization in this regard.*	**3b**		

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in* ***Part VI***). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

	Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5	Depreciation and depletion	5		
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8	**Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		

	Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e	**Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (*explain in detail in* ***Part VI***):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035	6		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8	**Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)	8		

	Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6	**Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		

7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (*prior IRS approval required - provide details in* ***Part VI***)	5	
6 Other distributions (*describe in* ***Part VI***). See instructions	6	
7 **Total annual distributions.** Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (*provide details in* ***Part VI***). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	**(i)** **Excess Distributions**	**(ii)** **Underdistributions Pre-2020**	**(iii)** **Distributable Amount for 2020**
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required-- *explain in* ***Part VI***). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020:			
a From 2015.			
b From 2016.			
c From 2017.			
d From 2018.			
e From 2019.			
f **Total** of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: $			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, *explain in* ***Part VI***. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, *explain in* ***Part VI***. See instructions.			
7 **Excess distributions carryover to 2021.** Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2016.			
b Excess from 2017.			
c Excess from 2018.			
d Excess from 2019.			
e Excess from 2020.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME:	HONORARIA AND OTHER REVENUE - 2016 AMOUNT: $ 26,750. 2017 AMOUNT: $ 90,734. 2018 AMOUNT: $ 77,346. 2019 AMOUNT: $ 49,055. 2020 AMOUNT: $ 29,589. INSURANCE REIMB OF LEGAL FEES - 2016 AMOUNT: $ 218,464. 2017 AMOUNT: $ 17,524. 2018 AMOUNT: $ 152,833. 2019 AMOUNT: $ 405,223. 2020 AMOUNT: $ 116,536.

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Schedule B
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Schedule of Contributors

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Name of the organization
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Employer identification number
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Organization type (check one):

Filers of: **Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ
☐ 501(c)( ) (enter number) organization
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF
☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule.**
Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

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

Special Rules

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

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

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

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
RESTRICTED	,	$ RESTRICTED	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-		$	

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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Part III ***Exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than $1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of $1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ $**

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-			

(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
-	

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
-	

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-			

(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
-	

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

		(a) Donor advised funds	**(b)** Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

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

			Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . .	2d	

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . ▶ $ __________

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . ▶ $ __________

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . ▶ $ __________

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . ▶ $ __________

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

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

a ☐ Public exhibition

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" on 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

			Amount
b	If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:		
c	Beginning balance	1c	
d	Additions during the year	1d	
e	Distributions during the year	1e	
f	Ending balance	1f	

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	**(b)** Prior year	**(c)** Two years back	**(d)** Three years back	**(e)** Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions . . .					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships . . .					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . .					
f Administrative expenses					
g 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 Term endowment ▶ ....

The percentages on 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
	(i) Unrelated organizations	3a(i)		
	(ii) Related organizations	3a(ii)		
b	If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	**(a)** Cost or other basis (investment)	**(b)** Cost or other basis (other)	**(c)** Accumulated depreciation	**(d)** Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		266,318	133,165	133,153
d Equipment		783,726	569,269	214,457
e Other		325,799	188,305	137,494
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* . . ▶				485,104

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)* ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* . . . . ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

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

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

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	37,370,169
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-24,495		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	-24,495
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	37,394,664
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**:				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	118,428		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	118,428
5	Total revenue. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)			5	37,513,092

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	30,091,656
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a			
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	0
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	30,091,656
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line **1:**				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	116,536		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	116,536
5	Total expenses. Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)			5	30,208,192

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	THE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES THE EFFECT OF INCOME TAX POSITIONS ONLY IF THOSE POSITIONS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT OF BEING SUSTAINED. MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE. THE ORGANIZATION IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO EXAMINATIONS BY THE APPLICABLE TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO 2017.
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	REIMBURSEMENTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES REPORTED ON PART VIII 116,536. LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET 1,892.
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	REIMBURSEMENTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES REPORTED ON PART VIII 116,536.

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Schedule I (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC section (if applicable)	**(d)** Amount of cash grant	**(e)** Amount of non-cash assistance	**(f)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(g)** Description of noncash assistance	**(h)** Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS 300 W31ST AVENUE ANCHORAGE,AK 99503	37-1869203		92,256				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(2) ARIZONA DAILY STAR 4850 SOUTH PARK AVENUE TUSCON,AZ 85714	86-0621785		77,291				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(3) ASBURY PARK PRESS 3600 HIGHWAY 66 NEPTUNE,NJ 07554	06-1032273		83,025				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(4) BAY CITY NEWS FOUNDATION 900 HILLDALE AVENUE BERKELEY,CA 94708	83-0654488	501(C)(3)	92,256				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(5) BRYANT FURLOW LLC 400 GOLD AVENUE SW FLOOR 7 ALBUQUERQUE,NM 87102	82-3961205		12,648				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(6) CHICAGO PUBIC MEDIA INC 848 E GRAND AVENUE NAVY PIER CHICAGO,IL 60611	36-3687394	501(C)(3)	82,995				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(7) COASTALASKA INC 360 EGAN DRIVE JANEAU,AK 99801	92-0162579	501(C)(3)	23,925				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(8) COMMUNITY LIFT CORP 119 S COURT AVENUE SUITE 100 MEMPHIS,TN 38103	27-3941355	501(C)(3)	17,425				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(9) FRONTIER MEDIA GROUP 12117 SOUTH 12TH COURT JENKS,OK 74307	81-4620550	501(C)(3)	29,520				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(10) GANNETT SHARED SERVICES CENTER (DESERT SUN PUBLISHING LLC) 750 N GENE AUTRY TRAIL PALM SPRINGS,CA 92262	46-5738464		86,490				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(11) GEORGIA PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 260 14TH ST NW ATLANTA,GA 30318	58-1496258	501(C)(3)	15,991				PARTICIPATION IN PROPUBLICA'S ELECTIONLAND LOCAL REPORTING PROJECT
(12) KENTUCKY CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING 619 SOUTH 4TH STREET LOUISVILLE,KY 40202	61-1259787	501(C)(3)	46,128				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(13) MAX BLAU MBW LLC 1360 MEMORIAL DRIVE ATLANTA,GA 30317	37-1945751		64,575				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(14) MIAMI HERALD 3511 NW 91 AVENUE	20-5063905		50,316				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING

MIAMI,FL 33172							NETWORK INITIATIVE
(15) MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT PO BOX 1111 CHARLESTON,WV 25324	85-1154363		11,685				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(16) NASHVILLE PUBLIC RADIO 630 MAINSTREAM DRIVE NASHVILLE,TN 37228	62-1631652	501(C)(3)	18,840				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(17) NEW MEXICO IN DEPTH 808 DOUGLAS MACARTHUR NW ALBURQUEQUE,NM 87107	45-4011138		54,996				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(18) OAHU PUBLICATIONS INC 500 ALA MOANA BLVD STE 7-500 HONOLULU,HI 96813	99-0353529		178,356				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(19) OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING 7140 SW MACADAM AVE PORTLAND,OR 97219	93-0814638	501(C)(3)	69,192				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(20) RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH 300 EAST FRANKLIN STREET RICHMOND,VA 23219	84-4721627		60,951				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(21) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RADIO 474 SOUTH RAYMOND AVENUE PASADENA,CA 91105	95-4765734	501(C)(3)	29,676				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(22) THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC 200 E VAN BUREN STREET PHOENIX,AZ 85004	86-0937358		25,430				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(23) THE BUSINESS JOURNAL 25 E BOARDMAN STREET SUITE 306 YOUNGSTOWN,OH 44503	34-1461521		30,750				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(24) THE CAPITAL 160 N STETSON 40TH FL CHICAGO,IL 60601	36-3779720		21,528				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(25) THE MAINE CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST REPORTING PO BOX 284 HALLOWEL,ME 04347	27-2623867	501(C)(3)	67,164				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(26) THE NEWS & OBSERVER 421 FAYETVILLE STREET SUITE 104 RALEIGH,NC 27601	56-0338580		67,620				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(27) THE PALM BEACH POST 175 SULLYS TRAIL PITTTSFORD,NY 14534	47-2464860		29,694				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(28) THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER 801 MARKET STREET SUITE 300 PHILADELPHIA,PA 19107	27-2937767		72,001				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(29) THE TAMPA BAY TIMES 490 1ST AVE ST PETERSBURG,FL 33701	59-0482470		21,525				PARTICIPATION IN PROPUBLICA'S ELECTIONLAND LOCAL REPORTING PROJECT
(30) VPM MEDIA CORPORATION 23 SESAME STREET RICHMOND,VA 23235	54-0735782	501(C)(3)	25,656				PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK INITIATIVE
(31) WCIJ INC 821 UNIVERSITY AVENUE MADISION,WI 53706	26-2143608	501(C)(3)	17,835				PARTICIPATION IN PROPUBLICA'S ELECTIONLAND LOCAL REPORTING PROJECT

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . ▶ 13

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . ▶ 18

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	**(b)** Number of recipients	**(c)** Amount of cash grant	**(d)** Amount of noncash assistance	**(e)** Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	**(f)** Description of noncash assistance
(1) EMERGING REPORTER STIPEND	11	49,500			
(2) DIVERSITY STIPEND	29	16,323			
(3) LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK GRANT	3	85,338			
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	A) STIPEND NARRATIVE FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE: STIPEND PAYMENTS REPRESENT A FORM OF GRANT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS PROPUBLICA OUTREACH PROGRAMS. PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAMS ARE SELECTED VIA COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS IN WHICH THE APPLICANTS ARE CHOSEN BASED ON THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND CAREER PROSPECTS IN THE FIELD OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. FUNDING IS OFTEN PROVIDED AS A PART OF A GRANT RECEIVED BY PROPUBLICA. IN SUCH INSTANCES, THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE AND MAY INFORM THE STIPEND PAYMENT PROCESS. IF THE FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH PROPUBLICA'S GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET, FUNDING AVAILABILITY IS DETERMINED BASED ON OVERALL BUDGETARY CONCERNS. BASED ON THESE PARAMETERS, PROGRAM DIRECTORS DETERMINE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS APPLY: - ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE EQUAL STIPEND AMOUNTS. - ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE SOME STIPEND, WITH THE AWARD AMOUNT VARYING BASED ON DETERMINATION OF NEED. - SOME PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE STIPENDS, WITH THE AWARD AMOUNT VARYING BASED ON DETERMINATION OF NEED. IN THIS INSTANCE, APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE AS A SEPARATE PROCEDURE FROM THE GENERAL APPLICATION PROCESS AND ARE NOTIFIED THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE BASED ON GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING: - EXPLICITLY ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. - PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THAT THEY ARE REQUESTING BASED ON PRE-DETERMINED FUND AVAILABILITY. - EXPLAIN HOW THE FUNDING WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM WHEN THEY OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO. IF THE CASE IS COMPELLING, THE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED UP TO THE LIMITS OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE. IF THE EXPLANATION OF NEED INCLUDES THE COST OF EXPENSES THAT ARE ALREADY COVERED FOR ALL ATTENDEES, THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT MAY BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A PARTICULAR PROGRAM COVERS THE COST OF LODGING AND TRAVEL FOR ALL ATTENDEES AND LODGING/TRAVEL ARE INCLUDED IN THE EXPLANATION OF NEED, THE AMOUNT AWARDED MAY BE REDUCED. WHEN FUNDING IS PROVIDED VIA PASS-THROUGH GRANTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, MONITORING OF FUND USAGE AND FOLLOW-UP ARE BASED UPON ONGOING VERBAL AND WRITTEN DIALOGUE, GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND WRITTEN GRANT REPORTS PROVIDED TO GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AT THE END OF THE GRANT PERIOD. WHEN FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET DESIGNATION, PROPUBLICA MAINTAINS RECORDS OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING AND BENEFITTING FROM GRANT FUNDS, INCLUDING COMPLETED W-9 FORMS. AS THESE GRANTS ARE NEED-BASED, SUCH FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE. B) NARRATIVE FOR ORGANIZATIONS & INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE THROUGH LOCAL REPORTING INITIATIVES: THE OTHER TYPE OF FUNDING PROPUBLICA PROVIDES IS THROUGH REGRANTING FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL REPORTING INITIATIVES, INCLUDING LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK AND ELECTIONLAND. THROUGH THESE INITIATIVES, PROPUBLICA PARTNERS WITH LOCAL NEWSROOMS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A REPORTER TO WORK ON AN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. MOST OFTEN, THE GRANTEE IS THE NEWSROOM ORGANIZATION ITSELF; HOWEVER, OCCASIONALLY, FUNDING MAY BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO A REPORTER WITH AN AFFILIATION TO THE SELECTED NEWSROOM. NEWSROOMS ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE INITIATIVES VIA A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS, AND IN ADDITION TO FUNDING, PARTNERS RECEIVE ACCESS TO PROPUBLICA RESOURCES INCLUDING EDITORS, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND CO-PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES. LOCAL GRANT AMOUNTS ARE DETERMINED BASED ON EACH REPORTER'S ANNUAL SALARY AND A STANDARD BENEFITS PERCENT ALLOCATION, WHICH WAS 23% FOR GRANTS ORIGINATING IN 2020, AND AMOUNTS ARE AGREED TO IN WRITING BY BOTH THE PARTICIPATING NEWSROOM AND PROPUBLICA. FUND USAGE IS MONITORED BY THE PROPUBLICA EDITORS WHO OVERSEE THE PROGRAMS AND WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE REPORTERS AND NEWSROOMS. ULTIMATELY, LOCAL GRANTEE REPORTERS ARE EXPECTED TO PUBLISH A FULL-LENGTH INVESTIGATIVE PIECE IN COORDINATION WITH PROPUBLICA. ALSO, PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS MUST PROVIDE A WRITTEN ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS USAGE AT THE END OF THE GRANT PERIOD, WHICH MOST OFTEN INCLUDES A COPY OF THE FUNDED REPORTER'S W2 FOR THE FUNDED GRANT YEAR.

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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		**(B)** Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			**(C)** Retirement and other deferred compensation	**(D)** Nontaxable benefits	**(E)** Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	**(F)** Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	**(ii)** Bonus & incentive compensation	**(iii)** Other reportable compensation				
1 STEPHEN ENGELBERG CO-CEO & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF	**(i)**	414,548	0	3,564	14,250	37,081	469,443	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT CO-CEO & TREASURER	**(i)**	424,128	0	3,564	14,250	12,937	454,879	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	**(i)**	305,118	0	1,242	7,650	10,326	324,336	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 JESSE EISINGER SENIOR EDITOR & REPORTER	**(i)**	241,550	0	1,220	12,551	34,202	289,523	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 CHARLES ORNSTEIN SENIOR EDITOR	**(i)**	240,714	0	747	12,550	31,354	285,365	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 RAGAN RHYNE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT & SECRETARY	**(i)**	264,619	0	540	13,250	1,510	279,919	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 TRACY WEBER DEPUTY MANAGING EDITOR	**(i)**	231,115	0	2,147	11,938	22,977	268,177	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 JOSEPH SEXTON SENIOR EDITOR	**(i)**	224,348	0	3,176	11,525	20,455	259,504	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

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Noncash Contributions

▶Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for the latest information.

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Name of the organization
PRO PUBLICA INC

Employer identification number
14-2007220

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . .				
4 Books and publications . .				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles . .				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded .	X	51	306,075	AVG. SELLING PRICE
10 Securities—Closely held stock .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . .				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies .				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . .				
25 Other ▶ (________)				
26 Other ▶ (________)				
27 Other ▶ (________)				
28 Other ▶ (________)				

29	Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement	29	0

			Yes	No
30a	During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?	30a		No
b	If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.			
31	Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?	31		No
32a	Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?	32a		No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part II.			
33	If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.			

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

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PART I, COLUMN (B):	THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS IN PART I, COLUMN (B) OF SCHEDULE M.

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SCHEDULE O
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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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
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IN 2020, PROPUBLICA ANNOUNCED A DRAMATICALLY EXPANDED COMMITMENT TO	LOCAL INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM WITH THE FORTHCOMING LAUNCH OF REGIONAL REPORTING HUBS IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST, IN ADDITION TO BROADENING OUR ILLINOIS EFFORTS TO COVER A WIDER SWATH OF THE MIDWEST. PROJECTS FROM THE FIRST YEAR OF OUR JOINT INITIATIVE WITH THE TEXAS TRIBUNE EXPOSED (AND ULTIMATELY HELPED REVERSE) THE PRACTICES OF A LENDER THAT SUED TEXAS BORROWERS AFTER THEY LOST JOBS TO THE PANDEMIC, AND THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS AND DISTURBING ORIGINS OF A PRIVATELY FUNDED PORTION OF TRUMP'S BORDER WALL. STORIES FROM THE PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK ILLUMINATED THE EROSION OF HAWAII'S BEACHES AND THE STATE'S FAILURE TO RETURN NATIVE HAWAIIANS TO ANCESTRAL LANDS, MAINE'S SHODDY AND PREDATORY LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE STATE'S POOREST DEFENDANTS, AND HOW OREGON HAS PRIORITIZED THE TIMBER INDUSTRY OVER THE ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT. AUGMENTING THE LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK, WE ANNOUNCED A LONGER-TERM DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM, ENABLING LOCAL REPORTERS TO PARTNER WITH PROPUBLICA FOR THREE YEARS AS THEY PRODUCE INVESTIGATIVE PROJECTS FROM THEIR HOME NEWSROOMS. PROPUBLICA WON THE PULITZER PRIZE - OUR SIXTH - FOR NATIONAL REPORTING FOR "DISASTER IN THE PACIFIC," A SERIES ABOUT SAFETY PROBLEMS IN THE NAVY'S 7TH FLEET AND THE PROBLEMATIC RESPONSE OF THE NAVY HIGH COMMAND. THE 2020 PULITZER GOLD MEDAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICE, THE NATION'S HIGHEST JOURNALISTIC HONOR, WAS AWARDED TO THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS IN COLLABORATION WITH PROPUBLICA FOR OUR LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK SERIES ON MAJOR SHORTFALLS IN PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IN RURAL ALASKA. OUR STORY ON AFRICAN AMERICAN LAND LOSS IN THE SOUTH, CO-PUBLISHED WITH THE NEW YORKER, WON THE GEORGE POLK AWARD IN JOURNALISM FOR MAGAZINE REPORTING, AND OUR INVESTIGATION ON THE USE OF JAILHOUSE INFORMANTS CO-PUBLISHED WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE WON THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR REPORTING. AS PROPUBLICA CONTINUES TO GROW - MORE THAN DOUBLING IN SIZE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS - WE EXPANDED OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM TO INCLUDE FIVE ADDITIONAL EDITORS AND REPORTERS. THIS MOVE HAS BOTH STRENGTHENED AND DIVERSIFIED OUR NEWS LEADERSHIP WITH JOURNALISTS WHOSE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE, LIFE EXPERIENCE AND INNOVATIVE THINKING HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL TO PRODUCING SOME OF OUR BEST WORK. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR STAFF OVERALL IS GROWING MORE DIVERSE, FROM 37% PEOPLE OF COLOR IN 2019 TO 40% IN 2020. OUR PUBLISHING PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUED TO GROW, WITH 80 IN 2020 ALONE. PARTNERS OVER THE PAST YEAR INCLUDED THE NEW YORK TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORKER, THE ATLANTIC, UNIVISION, POLITICO, TELEMUNDO AND USA TODAY. PROPUBLICA IS CONTINUING TO REACH NEW AUDIENCES THROUGH THIRD-PARTY DISTRIBUTION PLATFORMS SUCH AS APPLE NEWS, MICROSOFT NEWS, GOOGLE NEWS AND SMARTNEWS. TRAFFIC GREW SUBSTANTIALLY ON SUCH PLATFORMS, WITH THESE MONTHLY AVERAGE PAGE VIEWS CLIMBING 81% TO 10.2 MILLION. TRAFFIC ON OUR OWN SITE ROSE 72% TO 9 MILLION PAGE VIEWS PER MONTH ON AVERAGE. IMPACT THE MOST IMPORTANT TEST OF PROPUBLICA IS WHETHER OUR WORK IS MAKING AN IMPACT. WE MEASURE OUR IMPACT NOT IN TERMS OF AUDIENCE SIZE OR HONORS BUT IN REAL-WORLD CHANGE. IN 2020, OUR JOURNALISM SPURRED SUCH CHANGE IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AREAS. ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL RESIGNS AFTER TEXTS TO JUNIOR EMPLOYEE EXPOSED IN AUGUST, PROPUBLICA AND THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION REPORTING THAT ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEVIN CLARKSON SENT HUNDREDS OF TEXT MESSAGES TO A YOUNGER STATE EMPLOYEE - AT LEAST 558 MESSAGES IN MARCH ALONE - INVITING HER TO COME TO HIS HOME IN AT LEAST 18 OF THEM AND OFTEN USING KISS EMOJI. AT THE TIME OF OUR REPORTING, CLARKSON WAS ON A MONTHLONG LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY, BUT THE STATE HAD NEVER TOLD THE PUBLIC HE WAS GONE, OR WHY. RECORDS OBTAINED SHOWED THE ABRUPT ABSENCE CAME AFTER A JUNIOR STATE EMPLOYEE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT THE TEXT MESSAGES. HOURS AFTER WE PUBLISHED OUR STORY, WHICH INCLUDED TEXTS OBTAINED BY PROPUBLICA AND THE DAILY NEWS, CLARKSON RESIGNED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. AFTER DUBIOUS CONVICTION (AND 33 YEARS), A RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 2018, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, ABOUT A BELOVED TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NAMED JOE BRYAN WHO WAS CONVICTED OF HIS WIFE'S 1985 MURDER. HIS CONVICTION RESTED LARGELY ON BLOODSTAIN-PATTERN ANALYSIS, A DUBIOUS FORENSIC PRACTICE. THE STATE DENIED BRYAN PAROLE SEVEN TIMES, INCLUDING MOST RECENTLY IN 2019, EVEN AFTER THE BLOODSTAIN-PATTERN ANALYST WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST BRYAN ADMITTED THAT HIS CONCLUSIONS WERE WRONG. IN MARCH 2020, THE PAROLE BOARD REVERSED COURSE AND - 33 YEARS AFTER HIS CONVICTION, AT AGE 79 - BRYAN WAS RELEASED ON PAROLE. FOLLOWING NATIONAL OUTRAGE, TEEN RELEASED FROM JUVENILE DETENTION LAST JULY, WITH THE DETROIT FREE PRESS AND BRIDGE MICHIGAN, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED THE STORY OF GRACE (HER MIDDLE NAME, USED TO PROTECT HER IDENTITY), A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM SUBURBAN DETROIT WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO A DETENTION CENTER FOR FAILING TO COMPLETE ONLINE SCHOOLWORK. JUDGE MARY ELLEN BRENNAN OF THE OAKLAND COUNTY JUVENILE COURT RULED THAT THIS HAD VIOLATED THE PROBATION GRACE HAD BEEN GIVEN WEEKS EARLIER FOR FIGHTING WITH HER MOTHER AND STEALING A CLASSMATE'S CELLPHONE. WITHIN DAYS OF THE STORY'S PUBLICATION, #FREEGRACE BECAME A TRENDING HASHTAG. PROTESTERS SHOWED UP OUTSIDE THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WHERE SHE WAS SENTENCED, AND POLITICIANS - INCLUDING HILLARY CLINTON AND THEN-SEN. KAMALA HARRIS - CALLED FOR HER RELEASE. LESS THAN THREE WEEKS LATER, THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS ORDERED GRACE'S RELEASE, AND SOON AFTER, BRENNAN DISMISSED HER CASE ENTIRELY. THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT'S OVERSIGHT AGENCY CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE THE COURT PROCEDURES IN GRACE'S CASE AND HAS ALREADY PROPOSED A RULE THAT WOULD BAN COURTS FROM USING HANDCUFFS AND SHACKLES ON JUVENILES. GRACE'S SCHOOL DISTRICT ALSO ISSUED AN APOLOGY AND INSTITUTED A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM. DIRECTOR OF MAINE'S PUBLIC DEFENSE AGENCY RESIGNS IN OCTOBER, PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER MAINE MONITOR INVESTIGATED HOW THE STATE HANDLES LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE POOR. MAINE IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM. INSTEAD, THE STATE'S POOREST DEFENDANTS ARE PROVIDED WITH ACCESS TO PRIVATE ATTORNEYS CONTRACTED BY A STATE OFFICE CALLED THE MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES. THE INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT THESE ATTORNEYS LACK OVERSIGHT FOR PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AND HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH LEVELS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AND CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, INCLUDING FOR

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	REPEAT DRUNKEN DRIVING AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. WITHIN A WEEK OF PUBLICATION, GOV. JANET MILLS SAID SHE WAS "DISTURBED" BY THE INVESTIGATION AND CALLED FOR A BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO REFORM MAINE'S DEFENSE SYSTEM. AMID MOUNTING CRITICISM OF HIS MANAGEMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAINE'S POOR, JOHN PELLETIER STEPPED DOWN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION. CHICAGO'S PUNITIVE TICKETING PRACTICE OUTLAWED IN 2018, A PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS AND WBEZ INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT CHICAGO USES AGGRESSIVE TICKETING PRACTICES AND PUNITIVE COLLECTION MEASURES TO BOOST REVENUE, DISPROPORTIONATELY TARGETING POOR, MINORITY RESIDENTS AND TRAPPING THEM IN SPIRALING DEBT. OUR REPORTING SPARKED NUMEROUS CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM.
MOST RECENTLY, IN JANUARY, GOV. J.B. PRITZKER SIGNED THE LICENSE TO WORK AC	INTO LAW, WHICH ENDS THE PRACTICE OF SUSPENDING DRIVER'S LICENSES OVER UNPAID PARKING TICKETS AND OTHER NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS. CDC SHUTS DOWN LAB INVOLVED IN BOTCHED CORONAVIRUS TESTS IN OCTOBER, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION INTO MEDDLING AT THE CDC FROM WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS DETERMINED TO PRIORITIZE THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OVER PUBLIC HEALTH. THE REPORTING SHED LIGHT ON MISSTEPS AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY, INCLUDING LINE-BY-LINE EDITS THAT TRUMP ADVISERS MADE TO OFFICIAL HEALTH GUIDANCE AND A LAB DIRECTOR SENDING FAULTY COVID-19 TEST KITS TO STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH LABS - EVEN THOUGH HIS OWN STAFF'S QUALITY CHECKS SHOWED THEY MIGHT NOT WORK. LESS THAN SIX HOURS AFTER PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED THIS INVESTIGATION, THE CDC SHUT DOWN THE KEY LAB IMPLICATED IN THE FAULTY TESTS WHILE IT CONDUCTED ITS OWN INVESTIGATION AND DEVELOPED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS. NEW LAW MANDATES TRANSPARENCY ON HEALTH INSURANCE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN 2019, PROPUBLICA AND NPR PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION DOCUMENTING THE HIDDEN CASH AND GIFTS THAT HEALTH INSURERS PAY TO INFLUENCE THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE BROKERS WHO ADVISE EMPLOYERS ON WHICH INSURANCE TO CHOOSE FOR THEIR STAFF. THIS INFLUENCE ULTIMATELY HELPS DETERMINE THE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ABOUT 150 MILLION AMERICANS. IN DECEMBER 2020, TUCKED INTO THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BILL, CONGRESS PASSED A NEW FEDERAL REQUIREMENT FOR BROKERS TO DISCLOSE TO EMPLOYERS WHAT THEY RECEIVE FROM THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY. DIRECTOR OF NEWARK HOSPITAL'S TROUBLING TRANSPLANT PROGRAM DEPARTS IN 2019, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION OF THE TRANSPLANT TEAM AT NEWARK BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER THAT REVEALED ATTEMPTS TO ARTIFICIALLY INCREASE THE PROGRAM'S SURVIVAL RATE, AN IMPORTANT INDICATOR USED BY FEDERAL REGULATORS. IN ONE EGREGIOUS CASE, IT KEPT A PATIENT ALIVE IN A VEGETATIVE STATE FOR A FULL YEAR WITHOUT CONSULTING HIS FAMILY MEMBERS ABOUT TREATMENT DECISIONS OR EXPLAINING THEIR OPTIONS FOR CARE. AFTER AN INVESTIGATION SPURRED BY PROPUBLICA'S ARTICLES, THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES FOUND THAT THE TRANSPLANT PROGRAM WAS PUTTING PATIENTS IN "IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY AND DIRECTED THE HOSPITAL TO IMPLEMENT CORRECTIVE MEASURES. IN OCTOBER, THE HOSPITAL ANNOUNCED THAT, AFTER A YEARLONG ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, THE DIRECTOR OF NEWARK BETH ISRAEL'S HEART TRANSPLANT CENTER, DR. MARK ZUCKER, WAS DEPARTING AND NEWARK BETH ISRAEL IS CONDUCTING A SEARCH FOR HIS REPLACEMENT. TURBOTAX ABUSES SPOTLIGHTED IN STATE AND FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS IN 2019, PROPUBLICA SHOWED HOW TURBOTAX USES DECEPTIVE DESIGN AND MISLEADING ADS TO GET PEOPLE TO PAY TO FILE THEIR TAXES, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO FILE FOR FREE. THE SERIES PROMPTED INVESTIGATIONS BY FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES. IN FEBRUARY 2020, THE TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION RELEASED A SCATHING AUDIT OF TURBOTAX-MAKER INTUIT, H&R BLOCK AND OTHER COMPANIES, WHICH FOUND THAT 14 MILLION TAXPAYERS PAID FOR TAX PREP SOFTWARE IN 2019 THAT THEY COULD HAVE GOTTEN FOR FREE. THE AUDIT ALSO CONFIRMED PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING THAT SO FEW TAXPAYERS USE THE FREE FILE PROGRAM BECAUSE OF TAX PREP COMPANIES' USE OF CONFUSING DESIGN AND LAX OVERSIGHT BY THE IRS. IN JUNE, THE BIPARTISAN SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS PUBLISHED A REPORT ON ITS OWN INVESTIGATION, WHICH CRITICIZED THE IRS FOR FAILING TO OVERSEE THE FREE TAX FILING PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE IRS INCREASE FUNDS TO ADVERTISE THE FREE FILING OPTION INSTEAD OF RELYING ON THE FOR-PROFIT TAX PREP INDUSTRY. ANOTHER INVESTIGATION BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, ALSO LAUNCHED IN RESPONSE TO OUR REPORTING, CONCLUDED IN JULY THAT TURBOTAX, H&R BLOCK AND OTHER TAX PREP COMPANIES HAVE LONG ENGAGED IN "UNFAIR AND ABUSIVE PRACTICES." BORDER PATROL AGENTS FIRED OR SUSPENDED FOR TROUBLING FACEBOOK ACTIVITY IN JULY 2019, PROPUBLICA SPOTLIGHTED THE U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETAINING AND SAFEGUARDING IMMIGRANTS CROSSING THE BORDER WITH MEXICO, INCLUDING MANY CHILDREN. OUR SERIES REVEALED A PATTERN OF INDIFFERENCE AND CALLOUS BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN A SECRET FACEBOOK GROUP FOR PRESENT AND FORMER BORDER PATROL AGENTS WHERE THEY SHARED RACIST, SEXIST AND MISOGYNISTIC POSTS ABOUT IMMIGRANTS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, THE AGENCY THAT OVERSEES THE BORDER PATROL, LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION WITHIN HOURS OF OUR REPORT. IN JULY, THE AGENCY REVEALED THAT ITS INVESTIGATION RESULTED IN THE FIRING OF FOUR EMPLOYEES AND SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY FOR DOZENS OF OTHERS. SENATE INTELLIGENCE CHAIR STEPS DOWN IN MARCH, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT SENATE INTELLIGENCE CHAIRMAN RICHARD BURR SOLD OFF UP TO $1.7 MILLION OF STOCK AFTER RECEIVING EARLY CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS ON THE SERIOUS HEALTH THREATS OF COVID-19. SIMULTANEOUSLY, BURR WAS REASSURING THE PUBLIC THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE HEALTH CRISIS. IN MAY, FBI AGENTS SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT TO BURR, WHICH INCLUDED THE SEIZURE OF HIS CELLPHONE, AS PART OF AN INVESTIGATION OF HIS STOCK TRADES. THE NEXT DAY, BURR RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN. CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION CONFIRMS AVIATION COMPANIES MISUSED BAILOUT FUNDS IN JULY, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THREE AIRLINE INDUSTRY COMPANIES RECEIVED $338 MILLION IN PUBLIC MONEY DESIGNED TO PRESERVE JOBS IN THE HARD-HIT INDUSTRY, BUT THEY LAID OFF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS ANYWAY. THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ALLOWED THE COMPANIES TO KEEP THE RELIEF MONEY INTENDED FOR STAFF THAT THEY HAD ALREADY LAID OFF. IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR INVESTIGATION WAS PUBLISHED, THREE HOUSE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING OF THE AVIATION PAYROLL SUPPORT PROGRAM. IN OCTOBER, THE HOUSE SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS RELEASED ITS REPORT, ECHOING PROPUBLICA'S FINDINGS. "TREASURY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAYROLL SUPPORT PROGRAM UNDERMINED THE PROGRAM'S JOB PRESERVATION PURPOSE," THE SUBCOMMITTEE WROTE. "TREASURY PERMITTED AVIATION CONTRACTORS TO LAY OFF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS THROUGH THE WORST MONTHS OF THE PANDEMIC AND STILL RECEIVE FULL PAYROLL SUPPORT CALCULATED BASED ON PRE-PANDEMIC WORKFORCE NUMBERS - THE SAME AMOUNT THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED IF THEY HAD NOT LAID OFF A SINGLE WORKER." USDA CANCELS CONTRACT WITH UNLICENSED FOOD SUPPLIER IN MAY, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S BILLION-DOLLAR FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM, MEANT TO DISTRIBUTE FRESH FOOD TO STRUGGLING FOOD BANKS AND OTHER NONPROFITS DEALING WITH INCREASED FOOD INSECURITY DURING THE PANDEMIC, WAS RIFE WITH PROBLEMS. THE PROGRAM USED AN UNUSUALLY FAST BIDDING PROCESS THAT AWARDED

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	CONTRACTS TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT LACKED EXPERIENCE OR PROPER LICENSES. ANOTHER RESULT OF THIS PROCESS WAS THAT THE PROGRAM LEFT HARD-HIT AREAS LIKE NEW YORK WITH LESS FOOD THAN AREAS WITH LESS NEED AND BYPASSED THE STATES OF MAINE AND ALASKA ENTIRELY. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REPORTING, MEMBERS OF BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE SENT LETTERS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ASKING FOR AN EXPLANATION OF HOW IT EVALUATED THE BIDS, INCLUDING IF IT CHECKED COMPANIES' LICENSES AND CONSIDERED EQUITY ACROSS REGIONS. THE USDA COMMITTED TO REVIEWING FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO UNDERSERVED AREAS DURING ITS NEXT ROUND OF CONTRACTS AND CANCELED THE LARGEST UNLICENSED CONTRACT, A $40 MILLION DEAL TO AN AVOCADO GROWER PROFILED IN OUR INITIAL INVESTIGATION. TRUMP ADMINISTRATION BACKS OUT OF CONTROVERSIAL VENTILATOR CONTRACT IN MARCH, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED A STORY SHOWING HOW A U.S. SUBSIDIARY OF ROYAL PHILIPS N.V., A DUTCH APPLIANCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, HAD RECEIVED MILLIONS IN FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS YEARS AGO TO DELIVER A LOW-COST VENTILATOR FOR PANDEMICS BUT FAILED TO DO SO. YET, AS THE CORONAVIRUS BEGAN SPREADING AROUND THE GLOBE AND U.S. HOSPITALS WERE DESPERATE FOR MORE, PHILIPS WAS SELLING COMMERCIAL VERSIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED VENTILATOR TO OVERSEAS BUYERS FROM ITS PENNSYLVANIA FACTORY. WE REPORTED IN APRIL THAT, DESPITE HAVING NOT FULFILLED THE INITIAL CONTRACT, THE DUTCH COMPANY STRUCK A MUCH MORE LUCRATIVE DEAL TO SELL THE U.S. GOVERNMENT 43,000 VENTILATORS FOR $646.7 MILLION - FOUR TIMES THE PRICE. IN AUGUST, A HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE GOVERNMENT'S PURCHASE OF THE NEW PHILIPS VENTILATORS SAID THAT "GULLIBLE" WHITE HOUSE NEGOTIATORS OVERPAID. CITING EVIDENCE OF WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE ASKED THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO LAUNCH ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE DEAL. BY THE END OF THE MONTH, HHS TERMINATED THE CONTROVERSIAL CONTRACT WITH PHILIPS, AND THE COMPANY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD STOP MAKING THE VENTILATORS.
DATA RELEASED ON EMERGENCY LOANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES	IN MAY, PROPUBLICA, TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OF THE NATION'S LARGEST NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, FILED A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT LAWSUIT TO OBTAIN DATA ABOUT BORROWERS RECEIVING FUNDS FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM. THROUGH THE PROGRAM, CREATED UNDER THE CARES ACT AND WITH LITTLE OVERSIGHT, THE GOVERNMENT HAD DISPENSED MORE THAN $525 BILLION IN LOANS THAT CAN BE FORGIVEN IF THE MONEY IS MOSTLY SPENT TO KEEP EMPLOYEES. IN NOVEMBER, FEDERAL JUDGE JAMES BOASBERG RULED IN THE NEWS ORGANIZATIONS' FAVOR, NOTING THAT THE PROGRAM WAS AT SIGNIFICANT RISK OF FRAUD AND WOULD THEREFORE BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL SCRUTINY. HE ORDERED THE RELEASE OF THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PRECISE LOAN AMOUNTS OF ALL BORROWERS THAT RECEIVED GOVERNMENT PANDEMIC LOANS, AND THE RELEASE OF THE DATA FOLLOWED IN EARLY DECEMBER. CONGRESS INVESTIGATES CHILD CAR SEAT MAKER AND CALLS FOR FURTHER PROBES IN FEBRUARY, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION REVEALING THAT THE CHILD CAR SEAT MAKER EVENFLO PUT PROFITS OVER CHILD SAFETY, MARKETING ITS "BIG KID" BOOSTER SEATS AS "SIDE-IMPACT TESTED" DESPITE INTERNAL VIDEO OF SIDE-IMPACT TESTS SHOWING THAT CHILDREN COULD BE INJURED OR KILLED IN THE SEATS. OUR REPORTING HIGHLIGHTED THE CORPORATE DISREGARD AND REGULATORY FAILURES THAT ALLOWED THE BOOSTER SEATS TO BE SOLD EVEN AFTER SERIOUS INJURIES TO CHILDREN RESULTED. WITHIN A WEEK OF OUR REPORTING, THE U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND CONSUMER POLICY OPENED AN INVESTIGATION OF EVENFLO, REQUESTING THE COMPANY'S RECORDS RELATED TO THE MARKETING OF THE BIG KID AND OTHER BOOSTERS. IN NOVEMBER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHASTISED THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION FOR FAILING TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM INJURY AND DEATH AND ASKED THE AGENCY TO JUSTIFY WHY IT HADN'T ADOPTED THE TOUGHER SAFETY RULES THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAD PUSHED. IN DECEMBER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RELEASED A REPORT FINDING WIDESPREAD EVIDENCE THAT THE NATION'S LARGEST MANUFACTURERS OF CAR SEATS ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF AMERICAN CHILDREN AND MISLED CONSUMERS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF BOOSTER SEATS IN CRASHES. IT ALSO FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY REGULATORS, AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, INVESTIGATE "UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE MARKETING AND UNREASONABLE RISKS TO SAFETY" BY THE MAKERS OF BOOSTER SEATS AND URGED STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO LOOK FOR VIOLATIONS OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS BY THESE COMPANIES. FEDERAL INVESTIGATION CONFIRMS VA SECRETARY MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS PROPUBLICA REPORTED IN FEBRUARY THAT, ACCORDING TO AN ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ROBERT WILKIE PERSONALLY SOUGHT DAMAGING INFORMATION ABOUT A CONGRESSIONAL AIDE WHO SAID SHE WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED IN A VA HOSPITAL. IN RESPONSE TO THE STORY, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE VA OPENED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGATION. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ISSUED A REPORT IN DECEMBER THAT CONFIRMED THE FINDINGS OF PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, AND EVERY MAJOR VETERANS GROUP CALLED FOR WILKIE'S RESIGNATION. HOUSE INVESTIGATION OPENED ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE IN FEBRUARY, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT MISSTEPS AT THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION - INCLUDING DESIGNING A FLAWED TEST FOR COVID-19, THEN TAKING WEEKS TO FIGURE OUT A FIX SO STATE AND LOCAL LABS COULD USE IT - MAY HAVE HAMPERED OFFICIALS' ABILITY TO CONTAIN THE DISEASE'S SPREAD IN THE UNITED STATES. CITING PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, THE HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IN MARCH ANNOUNCED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS. VICTIM OF PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT WALKS FREE AFTER 18 YEARS AS PART OF A 2012-13 SERIES ON PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT IN NEW YORK, PROPUBLICA PROFILED THE CASE OF TYRONNE JOHNSON. JOHNSON WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER IN 2002 AND SPENT THE NEXT 18 YEARS IN JAIL, EVEN THOUGH PROSECUTORS FAILED TO DISCLOSE KEY EVIDENCE, INCLUDING WITNESS STATEMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE CLEARED HIM OF THE CRIME. PROPUBLICA ALSO REPORTED THAT THE ORIGINAL PROSECUTOR HAD BEEN STRIPPED OF HIS LICENSE FOR OTHER CASES OF MISCONDUCT. IN FEBRUARY 2020, SEVEN YEARS AFTER OUR STORY, JOHNSON WAS RELEASED ON PAROLE. HE CREDITS THE PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION, WHICH HE INCLUDED IN A PACKET OF MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE PAROLE BOARD, WITH HELPING SECURE HIS RELEASE BECAUSE IT OFFERED THE "MOST THOROUGH EXAMPLE OF THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED." FIVE MORE WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS OVERTURNED A 2016 PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION PUBLISHED WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE SPOTLIGHTED HOW POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN NEVADA AND OTHER STATES USED ROADSIDE DRUG TESTS TO SECURE GUILTY PLEAS, DESPITE WIDESPREAD EVIDENCE THAT THE TESTS ROUTINELY PRODUCE FALSE POSITIVES. THE STORY LED TO FIVE OVERTURNED DRUG CONVICTIONS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, AND MORE THAN 250 IN HOUSTON. IN JULY 2020, THE CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN LAS VEGAS DISCLOSED THAT, FOLLOWING PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, LAS VEGAS COURTS OVERTURNED FIVE MORE DRUG CONVICTIONS IN 2017. UPON REANALYZING WHITE POWDER, ORIGINALLY BELIEVED TO BE COCAINE, FOUND WITH THE ACCUSED, LAS VEGAS POLICE OFFICERS FOUND THAT THE POWDERS WERE NOT ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES AT ALL. ILLINOIS BEGINS SHARING DATA ABOUT COVID-19 OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOLS IN OCTOBER, PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS AND THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION ABOUT COVID-19 OUTBREAKS IN ILLINOIS SCHOOLS. THE ARTICLE REVEALED THAT MORE CHILDREN

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	WERE TESTING POSITIVE SINCE SCHOOL REOPENED THAN DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, BUT ILLINOIS, UNLIKE MANY OTHER STATES, WAS NOT SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS WITHIN SCHOOLS WITH THE PUBLIC. AFTER A REQUEST BY PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS AND THE TRIBUNE, STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS RELEASED DATA SHOWING NEARLY 9,000 CHILDREN TESTING POSITIVE SINCE MID-AUGUST, ROUGHLY 180 NEW INFECTIONS ON AVERAGE EACH DAY, BUT THEY DECLINED TO PUBLISH THE NUMBER OF CASES LINKED TO SCHOOLS OR WHICH SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED. TWO WEEKS AFTER OUR REPORTING, THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD START SHARING THE NUMBER OF CASES AND OUTBREAKS BY SCHOOL. ILLINOIS SCHOOL BOARD BEGINS PHASE-OUT OF ISOLATED TIMEOUTS PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS PARTNERED WITH THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE FOR A 2019 INVESTIGATION INTO THE ROUTINE AND ILLEGAL USE OF "ISOLATED TIMEOUT" ROOMS WITHIN ILLINOIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE FOUND THAT CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 5 WERE SENT TO SECLUSION ROOMS, SOMETIMES FOR HOURS ON END, FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS. IN JANUARY, EDUCATORS TESTIFIED BEFORE ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS AT LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS ON REFORM BILLS, URGING AN END TO THE PRACTICE. TWO U.S. SENATORS AND 10 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (ALL BUT ONE FROM ILLINOIS) ASKED THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INSTITUTE A NATIONAL BAN ON THE USE OF STUDENT SECLUSION ROOMS AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS THAT RESTRICT BREATHING. THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONDUCTED THE FIRST REVIEW OF ISOLATED TIMEOUTS IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, FINDING THAT SIX OF THE EIGHT DISTRICTS THEY EXAMINED VIOLATED STATE LAW BY PLACING CHILDREN IN SECLUSION FOR IMPROPER REASONS, FOR TOO LONG OR WITHOUT PROPERLY NOTIFYING PARENTS. IN FEBRUARY, THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PERMANENTLY PROHIBIT THE USE OF LOCKED SECLUSION ROOMS AND STOP SCHOOLS FROM USING FACE-DOWN RESTRAINT - BUT IT QUIETLY REVERSED ITS DECISION IN APRIL, AFTER A FEW SMALL SCHOOLS MOUNTED LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGNS IN OPPOSITION. SCHOOLS WILL NOW BE ALLOWED TO USE FACE-DOWN RESTRAINTS FOR ONE MORE SCHOOL YEAR, AIMING TO PHASE OUT ITS USE BY JULY 2021. DEBT COLLECTION LAWSUITS DROPPED AMID CORONAVIRUS PROPUBLICA AND THE TEXAS TRIBUNE INVESTIGATED OPORTUN INC., A SILICON VALLEY-BASED INSTALLMENT LENDER THAT CATERS TO LATINO IMMIGRANTS, AND FOUND THAT IT WAS CONTINUING TO SUE BORROWERS EVEN AFTER THEY LOST JOBS BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. AS WE WERE TALKING TO BORROWERS AND BEFORE WE PUBLISHED THE STORY, OPORTUN ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS DROPPING THE LAWSUITS IT FILED AGAINST BORROWERS WHO FELL BEHIND ON PAYMENTS, INCLUDING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. IT ALSO ANNOUNCED A CAP ON INTEREST RATES FOR NEW LOANS.
HOSPITAL REFORMS AFTER STATE AND FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS	IN JUNE, PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER NEW MEXICO IN DEPTH REPORTED ON LOVELACE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, A PROMINENT FACILITY IN ALBUQUERQUE WHERE PREGNANT NATIVE WOMEN WERE SINGLED OUT FOR COVID-19 TESTING AND SEPARATED FROM THEIR NEWBORNS AFTER DELIVERY. CLINICIANS AND HEALTH CARE ETHICISTS DEEMED THESE PRACTICES - IN WHICH MOTHERS WERE SEPARATED FROM BABIES FOR SEVERAL DAYS WHILE WAITING ON TEST RESULTS, PREVENTING THEM FROM NURSING AND BONDING - TO BE RACIAL PROFILING. THE DAY AFTER OUR REPORTING, GOV. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM ANNOUNCED A STATE INVESTIGATION OF THE HOSPITAL. IN AUGUST, THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES CONCLUDED ITS INVESTIGATION, FINDING THAT THE PRACTICE, WHICH LOVELACE HALTED, HAD VIOLATED PATIENTS' RIGHTS. HOSPITAL OFFICIALS ALSO SUBMITTED A PLAN TO FIX PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS, INCLUDING A PROMISE TO CONDUCT INTERNAL AUDITS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND COVID-19 SCREENING GUIDANCE. SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR ER PROVIDERS PROTECTED IN MARCH, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE MEDICAL STAFFING COMPANY ALTEON HEALTH WOULD CUT SALARIES, TIME OFF AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTORS AND NURSES. CITING LOST REVENUE AS HOSPITALS POSTPONE ELECTIVE PROCEDURES AND NON-CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS AVOID EMERGENCY ROOMS, ALTEON AND OTHER STAFFING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED PAY AND BENEFITS CUTS TO ER PROVIDERS DEALING WITH AN ONSLAUGHT OF CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS AND SHORTAGES OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. AFTER OUR REPORTING, THE COMPANY SAID IT WILL NOT CUT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS' STIPENDS BY 20% AS PLANNED AND WILL CONTINUE OFFERING PAID TIME OFF. AND WHILE ALTEON DEFERRED MATCHING 401(K) CONTRIBUTIONS, IT DID NOT ELIMINATE THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS, AS IT HAD ANNOUNCED. ILLEGAL EVICTION FILINGS REVERSED PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT LANDLORDS IN AT LEAST FOUR STATES (GEORGIA, OKLAHOMA, TEXAS AND FLORIDA) HAD VIOLATED THE EVICTION BAN PASSED BY CONGRESS IN MARCH, MOVING TO THROW MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOMES. WITH NO CLEAR ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM FOR THE CARES ACT, BUILDING OWNERS FACED NO APPARENT CONSEQUENCE FOR SIMPLY NOT FOLLOWING THE LAW. AFTER BEING CONTACTED BY PROPUBLICA AND INFORMED THEIR ACTIONS WERE ILLEGAL, FOUR LANDLORDS SAID THEY WERE WITHDRAWING THEIR EVICTION FILINGS. MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR UNINSURED RETIREE REINSTATED IN MARCH, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS FACING THE CORONAVIRUS THREAT WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES AND NO INSURANCE. MEDICAID HAD ABRUPTLY CANCELED COVERAGE FOR JUDITH PERSUTTI IN NOVEMBER 2019. THE 64-YEAR-OLD RETIREE, WHO GETS BY ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND FOOD STAMPS, HAD APPEALED THE DECISION UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR MONTHS USING A PROCESS THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HAS CALLED A "GUARDRAIL" TO PROTECT CITIZENS AS STATES TRY TO APPLY MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAID. DAYS AFTER OUR STORY, PERSUTTI'S MEDICAID BENEFITS WERE REINSTATED. WI-FI INSTALLED IN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN MARCH, PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS AND THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTED ON LEARNING CHALLENGES IN SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS'S TRICO SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOLLOWING CORONAVIRUS-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES. WHILE STUDENTS WERE EXPECTED TO LEARN REMOTELY, MANY FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT LACK COMPUTERS OR INTERNET CONNECTIONS, AND TRICO DID NOT HAVE A SINGLE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WI-FI HOT SPOT. WITHOUT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, TEACHERS DISTRIBUTED NEARLY 6,000 PAGES OF PAPER LESSONS TO THE DISTRICT'S K-12 STUDENTS JUST BEFORE THEY LEFT SCHOOL. WEEKS AFTER THE STORY, A LOCAL INTERNET PROVIDER MOVED TO INSTALL WI-FI SERVICE TO CONNECT FAMILIES TO THE DISTRICT NETWORK, AND AN ANONYMOUS DONOR PLEDGED TO DONATE A DOZEN HOT SPOTS. IN ADDITION, A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CHICAGO'S SUBURBS SAID IT WOULD SHIP ABOUT 250 USED CHROMEBOOKS TO TRICO WHEN THE COMPUTERS ARE REPLACED AFTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR. GAG GIFT SHOP FINALLY CLOSES AMID CORONAVIRUS FEARS ACTING ON A TIP FROM STAFF MEMBERS FEARFUL OF CONTRACTING COVID-19, PROPUBLICA REPORTED IN MARCH THAT NOVELTY STORE SPENCER'S REMAINED OPEN EVEN AFTER A NATIONAL EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED. WHILE OTHER CHAINS SHUT DOWN AMID THE PANDEMIC, SPENCER'S FORCED ITS STAFF TO WORK - SELLING GAG GIFTS AND SEX TOYS - WITH LITTLE OR NO PROTECTION. PROPUBLICA CONTACTED THE COMPANY, AND WITHIN HOURS OF OUR PUBLISHING DEADLINE, IT SHUTTERED ITS MORE THAN 650 STORES, PROMISING TO PAY STAFF AT LEAST THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH. TELEWORK FOR VA ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF INSTITUTED PROPUBLICA AND NEW MEXICO IN DEPTH, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, REPORTED IN MARCH THAT THE U.S. VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION HAD BANNED MOST ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FROM WORKING AT HOME, DESPITE CALLS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS AND THE WHITE HOUSE FOR MORE AMERICANS TO STAY HOME

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	DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. VA EMPLOYEES EXPRESSED ALARM TO OUR REPORTERS THAT THEY MIGHT BE UNNECESSARILY EXPOSED. AFTER THE ARTICLE, THE VA REVERSED COURSE TO ALLOW SOME ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO WORK FROM HOME. PERMIT FOR CONTROVERSIAL $9 BILLION PLASTICS PLANT PUT ON HOLD IN 2019, PROPUBLICA PARTNERED WITH THE TIMES-PICAYUNE AND THE ADVOCATE ON A SERIES ABOUT LOUISIANA'S CANCER ALLEY, A STRETCH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BETWEEN NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF PETROCHEMICAL FACILITIES. OUR ANALYSIS CONCLUDED THAT TOXIC AIR POLLUTION IN THESE PREDOMINANTLY BLACK AND POOR COMMUNITIES IS RISING, AND AIR QUALITY RELATIVE TO ITS PEERS IS GETTING WORSE. ONE STORY IN THE SERIES FOCUSED ON TAIWANESE PLASTIC COMPANY FORMOSA'S PROPOSAL TO BUILD A $9.4 BILLION PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX IN THE AREA, ESTIMATING THAT THE COMMUNITIES AROUND THE PLANT WOULD FACE DOUBLE OR EVEN TRIPLE THE TOXIC LEVELS OF CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS THAN THEY CURRENTLY DO. IN NOVEMBER, THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS SUSPENDING A PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT. COURT OFFICIALS REVIEW CASES HANDLED BY JUDGE WITH ALZHEIMER'S IN OCTOBER, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ERRATIC BEHAVIOR, MYSTERIOUS MEDICAL LEAVE AND ABRUPT EARLY RETIREMENT OF A YOUNG JUDGE FROM THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT. WHILE DOCUMENTING JUDGE SHAWNDYA SIMPSON'S RAPID MENTAL DECLINE AS A RESULT OF EARLY ONSET ALZHEIMER'S, PROPUBLICA'S INVESTIGATION HIGHLIGHTED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT ENABLE IMPAIRED JUDGES TO REMAIN ON THE BENCH, AND THE LACK OF PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING RULINGS MADE DURING THAT TIME. WITHIN DAYS OF OUR STORY, NEW YORK COURT OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY PLAN TO REVIEW ALL OF THE CASES HANDLED BY SIMPSON WHILE SHE WAS ON MEDICAL LEAVE. GAO REPORT ON TRUMP CRONIES ECHOS OUR REPORTING IN 2018, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE "MAR-A-LAGO CROWD" - A GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN WHO MET AT PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S PRIVATE CLUB IN PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, INCLUDING MARVEL ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN IKE PERLMUTTER, DOCTOR BRUCE MOSKOWITZ AND LAWYER MARC SHERMAN - WAS EXERTING SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE OVER THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, ADVISING THE PRESIDENT ON VETERANS ISSUES. THEY MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON VA POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL, EVEN THOUGH NONE OF THEM HAD MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE. PROMPTED BY PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS REQUESTED A REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE. THE GAO REPORT, RELEASED IN JUNE 2020, CONFIRMED PROPUBLICA'S FINDINGS THAT TRUMP EMPOWERED HIS FRIENDS TO SECRETLY STEER THE SECOND-LARGEST GOVERNMENT AGENCY WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTABILITY OR OVERSIGHT. FIRST RESEARCH STUDY ON FBI PHOTO ANALYSIS METHOD RELEASED AND FINDS SERIOUS FLAWS IN 2019, PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATED A TECHNIQUE THE FBI LABORATORY HAS USED FOR DECADES TO IDENTIFY CRIMINALS, PURPORTING TO MATCH THEIR BLUEJEANS WITH THOSE PHOTOGRAPHED IN SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. AFTER OUR STORY, WHICH RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PRACTICE, RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, TESTED THE FBI'S METHOD AND FOUND SEVERAL SERIOUS FLAWS. PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY IN THE JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, IT IS THE FIRST KNOWN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ON THE TECHNIQUE'S RELIABILITY, EVEN THOUGH COURTS HAVE ALLOWED IT AS TRIAL EVIDENCE FOR YEARS.
INTERNAL MARINE CORPS INVESTIGATION OF FATAL CRASH REINFORCES OUR REPORTING	IN 2019, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON A 2018 MARINES CORPS CRASH OFF THE COAST OF JAPAN THAT KILLED SIX MEN. DESPITE AN ORIGINAL MARINE CORPS INVESTIGATION INTO THE CRASH THAT LARGELY BLAMED THE SQUADRON, PAINTING THE MEN AS RECKLESS AVIATORS WHO FLOUTED SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND ABUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, PROPUBLICA REVEALED DEEP SYSTEMIC FAILINGS THAT WERE WELL KNOWN TO SUPERIORS UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. THE SQUADRON HAD BEEN DEPRIVED OF ADEQUATE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND ITS REPEATED PLEAS FOR HELP FROM SUPERIORS IN THE MONTHS BEFORE THE CRASH WENT UNADDRESSED. A NEW MARINE CORPS REVIEW OF THE CRASH, WHICH CONCLUDED IN JULY 2020, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ITS ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION WAS INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE, LED BY A COMMANDER WHO WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH HOW HIS FINDINGS WOULD BE PERCEIVED BY HIS BOSSES THAN GETTING TO THE TRUTH. MANY OF THE REPORT'S FINDINGS REINFORCE PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING. EEOC PROBE CONFIRMS PROPUBLICA FINDINGS ON AGE DISCRIMINATION AT IBM IN 2018, PROPUBLICA PUBLISHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO IBM'S PRACTICES OF FORCING OLDER WORKERS OUT OF THEIR JOBS THROUGH RETIREMENT AND LAYOFFS, REPLACING THEM WITH YOUNGER EMPLOYEES AND FLOUTING LAWS INTENDED TO PROTECT AGAINST AGE BIAS. MONTHS AFTER OUR STORIES PUBLISHED, THE U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CONSOLIDATED AGE DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE COMPANY FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY, LAUNCHING A NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATION OF AGE BIAS AT IBM. THE EEOC RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION IN A LETTER IN 2020 TO A GROUP OF EX-EMPLOYEES, ECHOING PROPUBLICA'S FINDINGS IN THEIR CONCLUSION THAT IBM ENGAGED IN SYSTEMATIC AGE DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN 2013 AND 2018, WHEN IT SHED THOUSANDS OF OLDER WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES. EMPLOYMENT LAW EXPERTS SAID THE AGENCY'S FINDING COULD RESULT IN IBM FACING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS OR A FEDERAL LAWSUIT. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE ALASKA PUBLIC SAFETY THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS, A MEMBER OF THE PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK, PARTNERED WITH US FOR A PROJECT THAT UNCOVERED A SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS IN RURAL ALASKA AND HOW IT IS COMPOUNDED BY A PROFOUND LACK OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES. ALMOST ALL OF THESE REMOTE COMMUNITIES ARE PRIMARILY ALASKA NATIVE AND OFTEN HAVE NO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN THE WAKE OF OUR INVESTIGATION, IN FEBRUARY A TASK FORCE OF ALASKA LEGISLATORS FILED BILLS THAT WOULD OVERHAUL KEY ELEMENTS OF THE STATE'S VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM, WHICH USES STATE MONEY TO TRAIN AND PAY OFFICERS WORKING IN REMOTE VILLAGES. AMONG OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS, THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD DEFINE VPSO'S LAW ENFORCEMENT POWER AND DUTIES TO AVOID ANY AMBIGUITY AND REMOVE A CAP ON OVERHEAD COSTS THAT VPSO EMPLOYERS CAN BILL THE STATE. BILL PROPOSED TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY AMPUTATIONS AND RACIAL DISPARITIES IN MAY, A PROPUBLICA STORY DETAILED HOW BLACK AMERICANS WITH DIABETES LOSE LIMBS AT A RATE TRIPLE THAT OF OTHERS, A SIGN THAT QUALITY PREVENTIVE CARE ISN'T REACHING THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST. IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED PUBLICATION, SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES REACHED OUT TO THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION TO ASK FOR GUIDANCE ON DRAFTING POLICY TO REDUCE DISPARITIES IN DIABETIC AMPUTATIONS. IN AUGUST, THE DIABETES ASSOCIATION UNVEILED A NEW INITIATIVE TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY AMPUTATIONS AS PART OF AN UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN ON RACE AND DIABETES CARE. IN OCTOBER, U.S. REP. DONALD M. PAYNE JR. INTRODUCED A BILL TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY AMPUTATIONS AND ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES. CALLED THE AMPUTATION REDUCTION AND COMPASSION ACT OF 2020, THE BILL PROPOSES MAJOR REFORMS THAT SEEK TO ADDRESS POLICY GAPS EXPLORED IN THE PROPUBLICA ARTICLE, IN ADDITION TO BETTER ALIGNING MEDICARE PAYMENTS WITH AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY GUIDELINES ON PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE. LEGISLATION PASSED TO STOP UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCIES FROM DEMANDING MONEY BACK WHEN THEY MAKE MISTAKES AN OCTOBER PROPUBLICA ARTICLE EXPOSED THE DEBTS AND ANGUISH FACED BY WORKERS WHO HAVE

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	BEEN OVERPAID THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS BY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, SOMETIMES AS A RESULT OF THE STATE'S MISTAKES. EVEN WHEN THE AGENCIES MADE THE ORIGINAL ERROR, THEY HAVE GARNISHED PAYCHECKS OR TAXED REFUNDS TO OBTAIN REPAYMENT, WHILE OTHERS CHARGED INTEREST ON THE DEBT. IN DECEMBER, PROMPTED BY PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE INTRODUCED BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION THAT WOULD SHIELD UNEMPLOYED WORKERS FROM HAVING TO RETURN FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS WHEN AGENCIES HAVE MISTAKENLY PAID THEM THESE FUNDS. THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BILL THAT CONGRESS PASSED - AND THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNED INTO LAW - SOON AFTER GRANTED HARDSHIP WAIVERS FOR PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE OVERPAYMENTS BY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCIES. BILL INTRODUCED BANNING USE OF TEAR GAS AND RUBBER BULLETS ON PROTESTERS IN JUNE, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TEAR GAS, WHICH CAN CAUSE LONG-TERM LUNG DAMAGE AND INCREASES THE RISK OF CONTRACTING VIRUSES LIKE COVID-19; CONTAMINATES FOOD, FURNITURE, SKIN AND SURFACES; AND SEEPS INTO HOMES. CITING OUR INVESTIGATION, SEN. EDWARD MARKEY AND SEN. BERNIE SANDERS INTRODUCED THE NO TEAR GAS OR PROJECTILES ACT, WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' USE OF TEAR GAS AND RUBBER BULLETS BY BANNING FEDERAL OFFICERS' USE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS AND KINETIC IMPACT PROJECTILES AND BY LIMITING FEDERAL FUNDING TO STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES THAT DO NOT BAN THEIR USE. HAWAII OFFICIALS PLEDGE NEW POLICIES TO PROTECT DISAPPEARING BEACHES THE HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER AND PROPUBLICA REPORTED IN AUGUST THAT BEACHFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS ACROSS THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HAVE CIRCUMVENTED ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS MEANT TO PRESERVE DISAPPEARING SHORELINES, WINNING PERMITS TO PROTECT MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR HOMES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE'S BEACHES. IN RESPONSE TO THE INVESTIGATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS REVISING ITS RULES GOVERNING SHORELINE STRUCTURES, AND HAWAII LAWMAKERS SAID THEY WILL INTRODUCE A BILL REQUIRING SELLERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT DISCLOSING THE RISKS OF SEA LEVEL RISE. OFFICIALS CALL FOR REFORMS TO NYPD OFFICER DISCIPLINE A SERIES OF PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS HAVE USED THEIR AUTHORITY TO OVERTURN CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUNISHMENTS FOR POLICE MISCONDUCT, AS WELL AS RULINGS BY DEPARTMENT HEARING OFFICERS AND EVEN GUILTY PLEAS AGREED TO BY POLICE OFFICERS. IN DECEMBER, THE CHAIR OF THE CCRB CALLED FOR A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN HOW NYPD OFFICERS ARE DISCIPLINED FOR ABUSE OF CIVILIANS, SAYING THE POLICE COMMISSIONER SHOULD NO LONGER BE THE FINAL ARBITER OF DISCIPLINE IN CASES INVESTIGATED BY THE CCRB. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE WORKING ON LEGISLATION THAT WOULD SHIFT FINAL DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY AWAY FROM THE COMMISSIONER. FEMA WARNS AGAINST UNUSABLE COVID-19 TESTING SUPPLIES AS HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATES THE CONTRACTOR IN JUNE, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PAID A FLEDGLING TEXAS COMPANY $7.3 MILLION FOR TEST TUBES NEEDED IN TRACKING THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS NATIONWIDE. BUT, INSTEAD OF THE STANDARD VIALS, FILLAKIT LLC SUPPLIED PLASTIC TUBES MADE FOR BOTTLING SODA, WHICH STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY ARE UNUSABLE AND MAY BE CONTAMINATED. A LATER STORY IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL RAISED SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS. A WEEK AFTER THE STORIES PUBLISHED, THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WARNED STATES NOT TO USE COVID-19 TESTING SUPPLIES IT BOUGHT UNDER ITS CONTRACT WITH FILLAKIT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OPENED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CONTRACTOR. GAO INVESTIGATES DUBIOUS CONTRACT FOR UNAUTHORIZED HOSPITAL MASKS IN MAY, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT FORMER WHITE HOUSE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF ZACH FUENTES' 11-DAY-OLD COMPANY RECEIVED A $3 MILLION FEDERAL CONTRACT TO PROVIDE KN95 RESPIRATOR MASKS TO NAVAJO NATION HOSPITALS DURING THE PANDEMIC. FUENTES SECURED THE DEAL WITH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WITH LIMITED COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND NO PRIOR FEDERAL CONTRACTING EXPERIENCE - AND HIS COMPANY'S CHINESE-MADE MASKS DID NOT MEET FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SAFETY STANDARDS FOR USE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS. IN JUNE, IHS ATTEMPTED TO RETURN THE POSSIBLY INEFFECTIVE MASKS. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ALSO DEMANDED INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CONTRACT, AND THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO REVIEW THE DEAL.
LAWMAKERS DEMAND THAT NYPD HALT UNDERCOVER SEX TRADE STINGS	IN DECEMBER, PROPUBLICA REVEALED THAT UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY THAT AIM TO ARREST SEX WORKERS OR THEIR CLIENTS HAVE LED TO NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS OF FALSE ARREST AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, AND THAT ALMOST EVERYONE ARRESTED WAS NONWHITE. DAYS AFTER WE PUBLISHED THE STORY, A GROUP OF NEW YORK LAWMAKERS CALLED ON THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO STOP THE BUSTS IN A LETTER TO LEADERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE. THE LETTER ALSO ASKED FOR AN OVERSIGHT HEARING TO EXAMINE MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE NYPD VICE UNIT, THE PRIMARY DIVISION THAT POLICES THE SEX TRADE. HUMAN RIGHTS LAWSUIT CHALLENGES SECRETIVE IMMIGRATION POLICY IN APRIL, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON A SECRETIVE POLICY ISSUED BY THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, WHICH BARRED UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS FROM ENTERING THE UNITED STATES. OUR REPORTING UNCOVERED AN INTERNAL MEMO THAT, CITING AN OBSCURE FEDERAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT TO BAN THE ENTRY OF PEOPLE WHO COULD "INTRODUCE" AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE (IN THIS CASE, THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS), INSTRUCTED BORDER PATROL AGENTS TO SUMMARILY EXPEL MIGRANTS. THE GUIDANCE ORDERED THIS WITHOUT CONSIDERING WHETHER MIGRANTS MIGHT BE PERSECUTED IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES - A SCREENING THAT IS REQUIRED OF AGENTS UNDER U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW. IN JUNE, A COALITION OF ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS SUED THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO STOP A 16-YEAR-OLD BOY FROM BEING SENT BACK TO HONDURAS AFTER HE CROSSED INTO THE U.S. TO JOIN HIS FATHER. THE LAWSUIT, WHICH CITES PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING, WAS THE FIRST CHALLENGE TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY. NEW YORK MAYOR SEEKS CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ON TRUMP'S TAX INCONSISTENCIES IN 2019, PROPUBLICA AND WNYC REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S COMPANY MADE ITS NEW YORK PROPERTIES APPEAR MORE PROFITABLE TO LENDERS AND LESS PROFITABLE TO TAX OFFICIALS. IN JANUARY, NEW YORK CITY CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION BASED ON OUR REPORTING AND, ACCORDING TO MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO, THE CITY SENT ITS FINDINGS TO THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY "BECAUSE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A CRIMINAL ACT HAVING BEEN COMMITTED." STATE LEGISLATORS DEMAND INVESTIGATION INTO NEW ORLEANS HOSPICE'S PRACTICES FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS IN SEPTEMBER, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE OCHSNER WEST BANK HOSPITAL IN NEW ORLEANS WAS SENDING PATIENTS INFECTED WITH THE CORONAVIRUS INTO HOSPICE FACILITIES OR BACK HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES TO DIE, IN SOME CASES PRESSURING FAMILIES INTO DISCONTINUING TREATMENT AS THEY PUSHED BACK OR STOPPING TREATMENT AGAINST FAMILY INSTRUCTIONS. WITHIN WEEKS OF OUR REPORTING, THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS, WHICH INCLUDES 37 LEGISLATORS, MET WITH GOV. JOHN BEL EDWARDS TO DISCUSS PROPUBLICA'S FINDINGS AND SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR DEMANDING A STATE INVESTIGATION. NEW YORK NURSING HOME RESIDENTS SUE OVER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATES IN APRIL, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE QUEENS ADULT CARE CENTER, WHICH HOUSES

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	ELDERLY, SICK OR MENTALLY ILL NEW YORKERS, WAS COVERING UP CASES OF COVID-19 WITHIN ITS FACILITY AND NOT IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES TO STOP THE SPREAD. PATIENTS WITH THE VIRUS CONTINUED SHARING ROOMS WITH ELDERLY AND AT-RISK RESIDENTS AND WERE ALLOWED TO CIRCULATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. FEARING FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY, STAFF DIDN'T RETURN TO WORK OR MINIMIZED CONTACT TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT RESIDENTS WENT WITHOUT FOOD AND MEDICATIONS. IN MAY, PROPUBLICA LEARNED THAT THE NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL IS INVESTIGATING THE CENTER AFTER BEING CONTACTED BY TWO LOCAL LAWMAKERS WHO READ OUR STORY, AND SEVERAL RESIDENTS FEATURED IN OUR REPORTING ARE NOW SUING THE FACILITY UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S CIVIL RIGHTS ROLLBACKS INTERROGATED IN JULY, PROPUBLICA AND THE CAPITOL FORUM REPORTED THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HAS PULLED BACK ON CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT AS A PART OF ITS OVERALL RELAXATION OF BANK OVERSIGHT, QUIETLY ABANDONING SIX DISCRIMINATION PROBES INTO BANK OF AMERICA AND OTHER LENDERS. STAFF AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, THE REGULATORY AGENCY THAT CONDUCTS INVESTIGATIONS INTO DISCRIMINATION, FOUND EVIDENCE THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR WERE BEING DISPROPORTIONATELY DENIED LOANS OR WERE CHARGED MORE AT BANKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FINES OR PENALTIES WERE IGNORED AND THE CASES CLOSED. WITHIN A WEEK OF OUR INVESTIGATION, 18 SENATE DEMOCRATS ASKED THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY TO EXPLAIN HOW THE AGENCY HANDLED INVESTIGATIONS INTO DISCRIMINATION AND "REDLINING" IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY. LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST TRUMP ORGANIZATION FOR OVERCHARGING INAUGURAL COMMITTEE OUR "TRUMP, INC." COLLABORATION WITH WNYC REPORTED IN 2018 AND 2019 THAT THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION OVERCHARGED THE NONPROFIT PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION COMMITTEE FOR ROOMS, MEALS AND EVENT SPACE AT THE COMPANY'S WASHINGTON HOTEL AND THAT IVANKA TRUMP WAS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING THE PRICE THE HOTEL CHARGED THE INAUGURAL COMMITTEE. IN JANUARY, THE WASHINGTON, D.C., ATTORNEY GENERAL FILED A CIVIL LAWSUIT CHARGING THE INAUGURAL COMMITTEE AND THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION WITH USING AROUND $1 MILLION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS TO IMPROPERLY ENRICH THE TRUMP FAMILY. OPPORTUNITY ZONE ABUSES INVESTIGATED IN 2019, PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF POLITICALLY CONNECTED BILLIONAIRES BENEFITING FROM THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE TAX BREAK, A 2017 ANTI-POVERTY MEASURE MEANT TO ATTRACT BUSINESSES TO LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS WHO CITED PROPUBLICA'S STORIES, THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTOR GENERAL ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY THAT THE AGENCY WOULD INVESTIGATE THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROGRAM AND PUBLISH THE RESULTS. CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO SEX OFFENDERS ON DATING APPS OPENED IN 2019, PROPUBLICA REPORTED, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA JOURNALISM INVESTIGATIONS, ON THE USE OF ONLINE DATING APPS BY SEX OFFENDERS TO ATTACK OTHER USERS AND THE BILLION-DOLLAR INDUSTRY'S RESISTANCE TO LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF ITS PRODUCTS. IN JANUARY, THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND CONSUMER POLICY RESPONDED TO OUR REPORTING WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE SAFETY OF ONLINE DATING APPS, INCLUDING THE USE OF DATING SITES AMONG MINORS, THE SALE OR DISSEMINATION OF USERS' PERSONAL INFORMATION AND THE PRESENCE OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS ON FREE DATING SITES. LAWMAKERS SUBMITTED LETTERS TO THE TOP EXECUTIVES AT SITES LIKE MATCH GROUP, BUMBLE, GRINDR AND THE MEET GROUP, REQUESTING INFORMATION ON HOW (AND IF) THEY SCREEN FOR SEX OFFENDERS OR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT CRIMES. OREGON GOV. CALLS FOR AUDIT OF AGENCY THAT LOBBIED FOR TIMBER INDUSTRY PROPUBLICA AND LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING JOINED WITH THE OREGONIAN TO INVESTIGATE THE TIMBER INDUSTRY, REPORTING THROUGH THE SUMMER ON HOW THE STATE'S PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR WEALTHY CORPORATIONS HAS HAD DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON BOTH THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. AMONG OTHER FINDINGS, THE REPORTING TEAM REVEALED THAT THE TAX-FUNDED AGENCY OREGON FOREST RESOURCES INSTITUTE WORKED TO DISCREDIT ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND ACTED AS A LOBBYING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ARM FOR THE TIMBER INDUSTRY. IN SEPTEMBER, OREGON GOV. KATE BROWN CALLED ON SECRETARY OF STATE BEV CLARNO TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH STATE AUDIT OF THE AGENCY. TOUGHER CONSEQUENCES PROPOSED FOR CALIFORNIA'S COUNTY JAILS IN 2019, PROPUBLICA AND THE SACRAMENTO BEE, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, PUBLISHED A SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT EXPOSED HOW CALIFORNIA'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE POPULATION OF STATE PRISONS HAVE LED TO OVERCROWDED AND DANGEROUS, INCREASINGLY DEADLY, CONDITIONS IN ITS COUNTY JAILS. IN JANUARY, CALIFORNIA GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM SUBMITTED A 2020 BUDGET THAT WOULD GIVE MORE AUTHORITY TO THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, WHICH OVERSEES JAILS, EMPOWERING IT TO TAKE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND TRANSPARENT STEPS WHEN ITS INSPECTORS FIND CONDITIONS THAT VIOLATE STATE STANDARDS. IN FEBRUARY, THE BSCC PROPOSED TOUGHER SCRUTINY AND CONSEQUENCES FOR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA'S COUNTY JAILS. THE BOARD ALSO FORMALIZED AN ENHANCED INSPECTION PROCESS FOR EVALUATING JAILS, AND CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY MEMBER SYDNEY KAMLAGER HAS DEMANDED AUDITS OF SEVERAL SHERIFFS' OFFICES WITH REGARD TO HOW THEY USED STATE FUNDING RECEIVED SINCE 2011 TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY JAILS.
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES DEADLY MISSISSIPPI PRISONS	IN 2019, PROPUBLICA AND THE MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, INVESTIGATED THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON SYSTEM, WHICH HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST INCARCERATION RATES IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY ACCUSATIONS OF BRUTALITY, CORRUPTION AND ABUSE. IN FEBRUARY, AFTER A LETTER FROM PRISON REFORM OGANIZATIONS THAT CITED OUR SERIES, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OPENED AN INVESTIGATION INTO FOUR OF MISSISSIPPI'S PRISONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRISONERS WERE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED FROM PHYSICAL HARM BY OTHER PRISONERS, IF PROPER SUICIDE PREVENTION MEASURES WERE TAKEN AND IF ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH CARE WAS PROVIDED. CLEVELAND HOSPITAL'S PRIVATE POLICE COME UNDER SCRUTINY IN SEPTEMBER, PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT THE ARMED PRIVATE POLICE IN CLEVELAND'S LARGELY WHITE HOSPITAL ZONE, INCLUDING AT THE FAMED CLEVELAND CLINIC, PREDOMINANTLY CITE AND CHARGE BLACK PEOPLE FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND MISDEMEANORS SUCH AS TRESPASSING, JAYWALKING AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INVESTIGATION, WHICH REVEALED THAT NEARLY 90% OF PEOPLE CHARGED BY UNIVERSITY CIRCLE POLICE SINCE 2015 WERE BLACK, TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND THE NAACP HAVE CALLED FOR TOUGHER SUPERVISION OF PRIVATE POLICE FORCES IN CLEVELAND'S MEDICAL AREA, AND ONE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IS VOWING REFORM. NONPROFIT RECEIVES FLOOD OF DONATIONS FOLLOWING HEIRS' PROPERTY STORY IN A 2019 COLLABORATION WITH THE NEW YORKER, PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATED HEIRS' PROPERTY, A LEGAL MEANS FOR LAND TO BE PASSED DOWN TO FAMILY WITHOUT A WILL, WHICH HAS MADE PROPERTY OWNERS VULNERABLE TO LOSING THEIR LAND AND PROHIBITS THEM FROM RECEIVING THE FULL BENEFITS OF LAND OWNERSHIP. THIS HAD LED TO BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LAND LOSS, PRIMARILY BY BLACK LANDOWNERS IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES. THE CENTER FOR HEIRS PROPERTY PRESERVATION, WHICH HELPS PROTECT HEIRS'

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	PROPERTY BY ASSISTING FAMILIES ON CLEARING TITLES AND WRITING WILLS, HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN $200,000 IN DONATIONS IN RESPONSE TO PROPUBLICA'S STORY. IN OCTOBER, PROPERTY LAW SCHOLAR THOMAS MITCHELL, FEATURED IN THE STORY, WON A MACARTHUR "GENIUS" AWARD AND PLANS TO USE THE GRANT TO CREATE A LAW CENTER TO HELP PROTECT THE REAL ESTATE AND WEALTH OF DISADVANTAGED PROPERTY OWNERS. ELECTIONLAND TRACKED VOTER PROBLEMS, ALERTED VOTERS THROUGHOUT 2020, PROPUBLICA'S ELECTIONLAND USED DATA AND TECHNOLOGY TO TRACK ISSUES THAT PREVENT VOTERS FROM CASTING THEIR BALLOTS. THE HOPE WAS TO ADDRESS THOSE PROBLEMS BEFORE THE 2020 ELECTION. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE CHANGES SPURRED BY REPORTING BY PROPUBLICA AND PARTNERS: - KQED AND PROPUBLICA REPORTED ON WECHAT MISINFORMATION IN THE CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. A LOCAL NONPROFIT USED OUR REPORTING TO DEVELOP AN ANTI-MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN, TRANSLATING MATERIALS TO DISSEMINATE AMONG SAN FRANCISCO'S LARGE CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY BEFORE ELECTION DAY. - AFTER VOTERS IN A NEW JERSEY TOWN RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM THE LOCAL GOP STATING THAT THERE WAS NO IN-PERSON VOTING, NORTHJERSEY.COM AND NJ SPOTLIGHT SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT TO EXPLAIN ACTUAL VOTER OPTIONS. - GOV2GO, A PUBLIC SERVICE APP IN FLORIDA, SENT MIAMI USERS THE WRONG DATE FOR ELECTION DAY, SUGGESTING IT WAS THREE DAYS LATER THAN THE ACTUAL ELECTION. THE MIAMI HERALD ALERTED VOTERS TO THE ERROR A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE THE REAL ELECTION DAY. - AN IOWA MAN WITH A LARGE, MILITARY-STYLE VEHICLE PROMOTING TRUMP WAS ASKED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO MOVE HIS VEHICLE TO THE LEGAL LIMIT OF AT LEAST 300 FEET FROM A POLLING PLACE, FOLLOWING REPORTING FROM IOWA PUBLIC RADIO. - THE ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGEDLY FRAUDULENT VOTING CENTER AFTER PARTNER VOICE OF OC REPORTED IT. - FOLLOWING CONFUSION ABOUT WHETHER COVID-19-POSITIVE OMAHA VOTERS COULD USE CURBSIDE VOTING, POLL WORKERS WERE CONTACTED TO ALERT VOTERS THEY COULD IN FACT USE THAT VOTING METHOD, THANKS TO PARTNER 3 NEWS NOW'S REPORTING. - THE BEACON'S STORY ON INSECURE LOCAL ELECTION WEBSITES IN KANSAS AND MISSOURI, WHICH USED ELECTIONLAND RESOURCES, LED SEVERAL COUNTIES TO UPDATE THEIR SECURITY MEASURES. RECOGNITION FOR OUR WORK PROPUBLICA'S WORK WAS HONORED IN 2020 AS FOLLOWS: "LAWLESS," A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PROJECT WITH THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS THAT UNCOVERED SEXUAL ASSAULT IN RURAL ALASKA AND HOW IT IS COMPOUNDED BY A LACK OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, WON THE PULITZER PRIZE GOLD MEDAL FOR PUBLIC SERVCE. THE SERIES ALSO WON THE PAUL TOBENKIN MEMORIAL AWARD, THE AL NAKKULA PRIZE FOR POLICE REPORTING, THE SCRIPPS HOWARD IMPACT AWARD, THE SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD FOR COMMUNITY JOURNALISM, THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARDS' AL NEUHARTH AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, A NEWS LEADERS ASSOCIATION'S FRANK BLETHEN AWARD FOR LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING, THE JOHN JAY/HARRY FRANK GUGGENHEIM AWARD IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING AWARD FOR SERIES, THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNALISM, THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' NORTHWEST EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE, THE BEST OF THE WEST AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE GOLDSMITH PRIZE FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND THE MICHAEL KELLY AWARD. OUR SERIES ON DEADLY ACCIDENTS IN THE NAVY AND MARINES CAUSED BY INADEQUATE TRAINING AND FAULTY EQUIPMENT WON THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR NATIONAL REPORTING, A NEWS LEADERS ASSOCIATION'S DEBORAH HOWELL AWARD FOR WRITING EXCELLENCE, THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION'S INAUGURAL KATHARINE GRAHAM AWARD FOR COURAGE AND ACCOUNTABILITY, THE GERALD R. FORD AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED REPORTING ON NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE MILITARY REPORTERS AND EDITORS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR PRINT/ONLINE DOMESTIC, AND MALOFIEJ SILVER MEDALS IN THE FEATURES AND MOTION GRAPHICS CATEGORIES. THE SERIES WAS ALSO A FINALIST FOR THE SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR PUBLIC INTEREST, AND THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR DIGITAL VIDEO STORYTELLING. OUR STORY ON AFRICAN AMERICAN LAND LOSS IN THE SOUTH, CO-PUBLISHED WITH THE NEW YORKER, WON THE GEORGE POLK AWARD IN JOURNALISM FOR MAGAZINE REPORTING, THE JOHN BARTLOW MARTIN AWARD FOR PUBLIC INTEREST MAGAZINE JOURNALISM, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS' SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR MAGAZINE, WAS A RUNNER UP FOR THE MOLLY NATIONAL JOURNALISM PRIZE, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE NEWS LEADERS ASSOCIATION'S DORI J. MAYNARD AWARD FOR JUSTICE IN JOURNALISM. "THE QUIET ROOMS," A PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS SERIES WITH THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ABOUT THE UNLAWFUL USE OF ISOLATED TIMEOUTS IN ILLINOIS SCHOOLS, WON THE FRED M. HECHINGER GRAND PRIZE FOR DISTINGUISHED EDUCATION REPORTING, THE TOP PRIZE IN THE NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EDUCATION REPORTING, A NEWS LEADERS ASSOCIATION'S FRANK BLETHEN AWARD FOR LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING, THE ANTHONY SHADID AWARD FOR JOURNALISM ETHICS, THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARDS' UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE DATA JOURNALISM, THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, THE KATHERINE SCHNEIDER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN REPORTING ON DISABILITY, THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, AS WELL AS THE DRIEHAUS AWARDS' INAUGURAL READERS' CHOICE AWARD,THE ILLINOIS PRESS ASSOCIATION KNIGHT CHAIR AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE/ENTERPRISE REPORTING, THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATED PRESS MEDIA EDITORS AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, EDITORIAL SWEEPSTAKES AND DIGITAL STORYTELLING AND FOUR CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB PETER LISAGOR AWARDS: THE WATCHDOG AWARD, BEST EDUCATION REPORTING, BEST DATA JOURNALISM AND BEST MULTIMEDIA COLLABORATION. IT RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION IN THE DART AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COVERAGE OF TRAUMA, WON SECOND PLACE FOR THE NATIONAL HEADLINER AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN NEWSPAPERS,WAS A FINALIST FOR THE MOLLY NATIONAL JOURNALISM PRIZE, THE SELDEN RING AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS AWARD FOR PRINT/ONLINE, AND WAS ON THE SHORTLIST FOR THE SIGMA AWARD FOR DATA-DRIVEN REPORTING. OUR REPORTING ON THE PERVASIVE USE OF JAILHOUSE INFORMANTS TO SECURE CONVICTIONS, CO-PUBLISHED WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, WON THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR REPORTING, THE MOLLY NATIONAL JOURNALISM PRIZE, THE TAYLOR FAMILY AWARD FOR FAIRNESS IN JOURNALISM, THE HILLMAN PRIZE FOR MAGAZINE JOURNALISM AND AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS AWARD FOR PRINT/ONLINE, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR A NEWS LEADERS ASSOCIATION'S DEBORAH HOWELL AWARD FOR WRITING EXCELLENCE.
"PROFITING FROM THE POOR," A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK	WITH MLK50: JUSTICE THROUGH JOURNALISM THAT EXPOSED PREDATORY DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES BY THE LARGEST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WON THE GERALD LOEB AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL JOURNALISM FOR LOCAL REPORTING, THE SELDEN RING AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS AWARD FOR PRINT/ONLINE, THE BARLETT & STEELE BRONZE AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE BUSINESS JOURNALISM, A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS' SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR ONLINE PROJECT AND THE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE JOURNALISTS AWARD FOR BUSINESS JOURNALISM, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD FOR COMMUNITY JOURNALISM.

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PROJECT	"THE TURBOTAX TRAP," OUR SERIES THAT REVEALED THAT TURBOTAX SOLD TAXPAYERS A SERVICE THEY COULD HAVE RECEIVED FOR FREE, WON THE GERALD LOEB AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL JOURNALISM FOR PERSONAL FINANCE AND CONSUMER REPORTING AND THE EDWARD R. MURROW NATIONAL AWARD FOR SOCIAL MEDIA, WAS A FINALIST FOR THE SELDEN RIGHT AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND THE SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD FOR BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORTING, AND RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION IN THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT. "A 911 EMERGENCY," A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PROJECT BY THE PUBLIC'S RADIO ON HOW INADEQUATE TRAINING AND OVERSIGHT HARMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IN RHODE ISLAND, WON THE SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD FOR RADIO/AUDIO AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE SCRIPPS HOWARD IMPACT AWARD, AS WELL AS AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS AWARD FOR RADIO/AUDIO. "INSIDE THE BORDER PATROL" WON THE RFK JOURNALISM AWARD IN THE NEW MEDIA CATEGORY. "THE BAD BET," AN INVESTIGATION BY PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS AND WBEZ ABOUT VIDEO GAMBLING ACROSS THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WON THE EDWARD R. MURROW NATIONAL AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND THE EDWARD R. MURROW REGIONAL AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, WAS A FINALIST FOR THE GERALD LOEB AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL JOURNALISM FOR LOCAL REPORTING AND THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB PETER LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST GRAPHICS, AND WON THIRD PLACE IN THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS AWARDS FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. "POLLUTER'S PARADISE," A COLLABORATION WITH THE TIMES-PICAYUNE AND THE ADVOCATE, WON THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS' NINA MASON PULLIAM AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING, A SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS' KEVIN CARMODY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE WRITERS' SCIENCE IN SOCIETY AWARD FOR SERIES, THE MALOFIEJ AWARDS' CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT BEST GRAPHIC AWARD, A MALOFIEJ SILVER MEDAL IN THE FEATURES CATEGORY AND A SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN BRONZE MEDAL FOR MAPS, AND WAS SELECTED FOR THE SIGMA AWARDS SHORTLIST FOR VISUALIZATION. REPORTER CAROLINE CHEN WON THE LIVINGSTON AWARD FOR YOUNG JOURNALISTS IN THE LOCAL REPORTING CATEGORY FOR HER STORY ON A NEWARK HOSPITAL THAT KEPT A VEGETATIVE PATIENT ON LIFE SUPPORT TO BOOST ITS SURVIVAL RATE. THE STORY ALSO WON THE NEW YORK PRESS CLUB JOURNALISM AWARDS FOR FEATURE REPORTING IN SCIENCE, MEDICINE, TECHNOLOGY, AND RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION IN THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR HEALTH/SCIENCE. "UNCHECKED POWER" BY RECKON BY AL.COM, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, WON THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNALISM AND THIRD PLACE FOR THE NATIONAL HEADLINER AWARD FOR HEALTH, MEDICAL AND SCIENCE WRITING. THREE PROPUBLICA NEWSLETTERS ("FALSE WITNESS," "DISASTER IN THE PACIFIC AND NOT SHUTTING UP") WON THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN NEWSLETTER JOURNALISM. OUR REPORTING ON PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S TAX INCONSISTENCIES WON THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR BANKING/FINANCE. "THE EXTORTION ECONOMY," OUR STORY ON HOW INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE FUELING A RISE IN RANSOMWARE ATTACKS, WON THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR TECHNOLOGY. OUR COLLABORATION WITH BUZZFEED NEWS ON THE GRUELING, SOMETIMES DEADLY CONDITIONS ENDURED BY DRIVERS WHO WORK IN AMAZON'S DELIVERY NETWORK WON THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR RETAIL. "THE EXTORTION ECONOMY," ABOUT HOW COMPANIES PURPORT TO HELP VICTIMS OF RANSOMWARE, WON THE TRACE PRIZE FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. "TRUMP, INC.," A COLLABORATION BETWEEN PROPUBLICA AND WNYC, WON THE NEW YORK PRESS CLUB JOURNALISM AWARD IN THE PODCAST CATEGORY, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR PODCASTING. PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS' REPORTING WITH THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES ON THE FAILURES OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SERVE SPANISH-SPEAKING FAMILIES IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM WON THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB PETER LISAGOR AWARDS FOR BEST NON-DEADLINE REPORTING AND BEST ILLUSTRATION, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS AWARDS FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. OUR REPORTING ON SUNDOWN TOWNS WON THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB PETER LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST FEATURE STORY OR SERIES. OUR REPORTING WITH THE SACRAMENTO BEE ON HOW CALIFORNIA'S EFFORTS TO REFORM THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM LEFT ITS COUNTY JAILS MORE DEADLY, A PROJECT OF THE PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK, WON THE CALIFORNIA JOURNALISM AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. AN INVESTIGATION BY NPR ILLINOIS, A LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN'S HANDLING OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS AGAINST FACULTY WON THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORT. OUR REPORTING WITH THE CONNECTICUT MIRROR, A PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER, ON HOW STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS BLOCKED AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AFFLUENT CONNECTICUT TOWNS, WON THE NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER & PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE/ENTERPRISE REPORTING. OUR VISUALIZATION OF THE SPREAD OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY ACROSS WEST VIRGINIA, CREATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROPUBLICA LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK PARTNER THE CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, WAS A FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR DIGITAL INNOVATION. PROPUBLICA WAS A FINALIST FOR AN ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN ONLINE JOURNALISM. OUR REPORTING WITH AMERICAN BANKER ON HOW TRUMP'S POLITICAL APPOINTEES INTERVENED TO REDUCE SANCTIONS AGAINST TWO LARGE BANKING ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN TRADING RISKY SECURITIES RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION IN THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR BANKING/FINANCE. OUR REPORTING ON WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS FOR PROPUBLICA'S "DOCUMENTING HATE" SERIES WAS RECOGNIZED AS A FINALIST FOR THE NEWS LEADERS ASSOCIATION'S BATTEN MEDAL FOR COURAGE IN JOURNALISM. OUR REPORTING ON INVASIVE TSA SEARCHES THAT TRANSGENDER PEOPLE OFTEN FACE AT AIRPORTS WAS A FINALIST FOR THE GLAAD MEDIA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DIGITAL JOURNALISM ARTICLE. OUR COLLABORATION WITH PBS FRONTLINE ON PROBLEMS WITH A NEW YORK CITY POLICY TO MOVE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE INTO PRIVATE APARTMENTS WAS A FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION'S RESEARCH AND JOURNALISM AWARD IN THE TELEVISION AND RADIO JOURNALISM CATEGORY. "FINANCIAL AID LOOPHOLE," A PROPUBLICA ILLINOIS SERIES REVEALING THAT WELL-OFF FAMILIES WERE TRANSFERRING GUARDIANSHIP OF THEIR COLLEGE-BOUND TEENAGERS TO QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID, WAS A FINALIST FOR THE CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB PETER LISAGOR AWARD FOR BEST NON-DEADLINE REPORTING. OUR REPORTING WITH PORTLAND MONTHLY ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BY U.S. AMBASSADOR GORDON SONDLAND WAS A RUNNER-UP FOR THE SPJ NORTHWEST EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD IN THE FEATURE/HARD NEWS CATEGORY. OUR INSTAGRAM VIDEO, WHICH TOLD THE STORY OF A 16-YEAR-OLD MIGRANT WHO DIED WHILE IN BORDER PATROL CUSTODY, WON A SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN BRONZE MEDAL FOR SOCIAL MEDIA DESIGN. OUR REPORTING ON POLITICALLY CONNECTED BILLIONAIRES BENEFITING FROM THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE TAX BREAK INTENDED AS AN ANTI-

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	POVERTY MEASURE WAS SELECTED FOR THE SIGMA AWARDS SHORTLIST FOR DATA-DRIVEN REPORTING. "AGGRESSION DETECTORS," OUR INVESTIGATION ON UNPROVEN SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS ARE USING TO MONITOR STUDENTS, WAS SELECTED FOR THE SIGMA AWARDS SHORTLIST FOR INNOVATION. OUR NEWS APPLICATIONS AND DATA VISUALIZATIONS WON A MALOFIEJ SILVER MEDAL IN THE FEATURES CATEGORY FOR "TRAPPED IN A DEADLY CHASE AND A MALOFIEJ BRONZE MEDAL FOR THE PORTFOLIO OF NEWS APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER AL SHAW. OUR ILLUSTRATION FOR A STORY ABOUT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST WHO BEGAN KEEPING COUNT OF HEALTH WORKERS LOST TO COVID-19, WON A SOCIETY OF ILLUSTRATORS SILVER MEDAL.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	PRO PUBLICA HAS ITS FORM 990 PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM AND HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING REVIEW PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION REPORTED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. WHEN THE FORM 990 HAS BEEN PREPARED, REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION AND IS READY TO BE FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, IT IS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL MEMBERS OF PRO PUBLICA'S GOVERNING BODY FOR ANY COMMENTS PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION. THE GOVERNING BODY IS PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO REVIEW THE PREPARED FORM 990 AND PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS. ANY COMMENTS ARE THEN GROUPED, SUMMARIZED AND PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW. EACH ISSUE IS DOCUMENTED AND ADDRESSED UNTIL THE RETURN IS FINALIZED AND APPROVED FOR FILING.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	PRO PUBLICA HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, WHICH APPLIES TO ALL DIRECTORS (BOARD MEMBERS), OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES. AN INTERESTED PERSON MUST DISCLOSE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO THE SECRETARY THE EXISTENCE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ALL MATERIAL FACTS RELATED TO THE CONFLICT. IF A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS, HE/SHE MUST REPORT THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN ALL CASES IN WHICH A CRITICAL EXTERNAL OBSERVER MIGHT REASONABLY PERCEIVE A CONFLICT TO EXIST. THE BOARD COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS. IN THE EVENT THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES, THE DIRECTOR OR OFFICER WITH WHOM THE CONFLICT PERTAINS TO IS EXCLUDED FROM VOTING ON THE ISSUE. HE/SHE MUST LEAVE THE ROOM AND THE OTHER DIRECTORS VOTE ON THE ISSUE PERTAINING TO THAT SPECIFIC TRANSACTION. WITH RESPECT TO ANY BOARD COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION, DECISION, OR ACTIONS INVOLVING TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING WILL REFLECT THE BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS AND VOTING PROCESS. IN CASE OF AN INTERESTED PARTY WHO IS NOT A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER, THE PRESIDENT MONITORS AND ENFORCES THE ORGANIZATION'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, HE/SHE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING OF THE CONFLICTED TRANSACTION.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	SALARIES FOR THE CEOS ARE SET BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD USES THE SERVICES OF A LAW FIRM (CAPLIN & DRYSDALE, WHO SPECIALIZE IN NOT FOR PROFIT ISSUES) FOR GUIDANCE ON MATTERS OF CEO COMPENSATION. THE BOARD REVIEWS PROPOSED COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR THE CEOS IN RELATION TO THEIR PERFORMANCE, RATES OF INFLATION, COMPENSATION PRACTICES AND PLANS FOR OTHER PROPUBLICA EMPLOYEES, AND COMPARABLE DATA. COMPARABLE DATA MAY INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT JOURNALISM OUTLETS AS WELL AS OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. APPROVED SALARY CHANGES ARE DOCUMENTED IN HUMAN RESOURCES FILES AND REQUIRE THE SIGNATURE OF BOTH THE EMPLOYEE AND THE HR DIRECTOR. THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER IS ALSO DOCUMENTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. THIS PROCESS WAS LAST COMPLETED IN 2020.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FORM 990 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6104 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE RETURN IS POSTED ON GUIDESTAR.ORG AND OTHER SIMILAR TYPES OF WEBSITES. IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, FORM 990, FORM 1023, AND BY-LAWS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, AND ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE (WWW.PROPUBLICA.ORG).
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9:	LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET -1,892.
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:	PRO PUBLICA HAS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FOR THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

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