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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2020

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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: INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH. Doing business as: Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 1150 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW NO 80 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: WASHINGTON, DC 20036

D Employer identification number: 20-3676886. E Telephone number: (202) 301-3300. G Gross receipts \$ 3,293,250

F Name and address of principal officer: DAVID KEATING, 1150 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW NO 801, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? No. H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)

J Website: WWW.IFS.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation

L Year of formation: 2005. M State of legal domicile: VA

Part I Summary

Table with 4 main sections: 1. Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: PRESERVATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE POLITICAL SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND PETITION. 2. Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. 3-7. Summary statistics. 8-12. Revenue. 13-19. Expenses. 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances.

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: DAVID KEATING PRESIDENT, Date: 2021-10-18

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date: 2021-10-18, Firm's name: RENNER AND COMPANY CPA PC, Firm's address: 700 NORTH FAIRFAX STREET SUITE 400, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

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:

THROUGH STRATEGIC LITIGATION, COMMUNICATION, ACTIVISM, TRAINING, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, THE CORPORATION WORKS TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND THE POLITICAL RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY, AND PETITION GUARANTEED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,218,874 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 355,592)

THE LITIGATION PROGRAM OF THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH PURSUES STRATEGIC LITIGATION AND FILES AMICUS BRIEFS TO DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE POLITICAL SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND PETITION.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 517,515 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH PUBLISHES RESEARCH ON THE EFFECTS OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE POLITICAL SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND PETITION. THE INSTITUTE ALSO TRACKS AND ANALYZES PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL THAT COULD AFFECT THESE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 482,910 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH EDUCATES ITS SUPPORTERS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OF THE BENEFITS OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE POLITICAL SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND PETITION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE RIGHTS TO OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. IT COMMUNICATES THIS INFORMATION THROUGH PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN NEWSPAPERS, WEBSITES AND MAGAZINES, BRIEFINGS OF AND INTERVIEWS WITH JOURNALISTS, APPEARANCES ON TELEVISION AND RADIO, NEWSLETTERS AND AN EXTENSIVE WEBSITE AND BLOG.

(Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,718)

OTHER AWARDS AND INCOME WERE PROVIDED FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE RELATED TO ITS MISSION.

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

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,718)

4e Total program service expenses 2,219,299

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and schedules.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding tax-exempt bond issues, excess benefit transactions, and controlled entities.

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 []

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and gaming winnings.

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

Table with 16 main rows (2a-16) and sub-rows (a-f). Columns include question text, response boxes (e.g., 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 8, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 13a, 13b, 13c, 14a, 14b, 15, 16), and Yes/No columns.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee... 3 Did the organization delegate control... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes... 5 Did the organization become aware... 6 Did the organization have members... 7a Did the organization have members... 7b Are any governance decisions... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document... 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee... 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee...

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters... 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies... 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy... 11b Describe in Schedule O the process... 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy... 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees... 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor... 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy... 14 Did the organization have a written document retention... 15 Did the process for determining compensation... 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director... 15b Other officers or key employees... 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to... 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy...

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023... 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents... 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records

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 (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) BRADLEY A SMITH CHAIRMAN	10.00	X		X			66,000	0	0	
(2) JOHN SNIDER TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) HUNTER BATES DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(4) EDWARD H CRANE DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(5) CLETA MITCHELL DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) STEPHEN MODZELEWSKI DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) ERIC O'KEEFE DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) ALLEN DICKERSON SECRETARY/LEGAL DIRECTOR	40.00			X			224,244	0	17,970	
(9) DAVID KEATING PRESIDENT	40.00			X			152,321	0	27,757	
(10) ZAC MORGAN ATTORNEY	40.00					X	157,266	0	10,171	
(11) OWEN YEATES DIRECTOR	40.00					X	132,392	0	15,939	
(12) RYAN MORRISON ATTORNEY	40.00					X	108,974	0	16,923	
(13) TYLER MARTINEZ ATTORNEY	40.00					X	119,333	0	5,830	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	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	2,832,692				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$	1g					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			2,832,692				
Program Service Revenue	2a ATTORNEY'S FEES	Business Code 541100	355,592	355,592			
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue.						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			355,592			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		59,498			59,498	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	42,750				
		(ii) Personal					
		6a	42,750				
	b Less: rental expenses	6b	0				
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c	42,750				
	d Net rental income or (loss)			42,750			42,750
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		7a					
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
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 returns and allowances							
	10a						
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue							
11a MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	Business Code 900099		2,718	2,718			
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			2,718				
12 Total revenue. See instructions			3,293,250	358,310	0	102,248	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).
 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	422,293	391,073	7,455	23,765
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,103,676	1,022,078	19,487	62,111
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	41,305	38,251	729	2,325
9 Other employee benefits	114,249	105,803	2,017	6,429
10 Payroll taxes	108,394	100,381	1,913	6,100
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	30,134	24,223	2,846	3,065
c Accounting	16,816		16,816	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
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)	87,377	58,234	4,574	24,569
12 Advertising and promotion	14,490	13,566		924
13 Office expenses	18,930	17,531	334	1,065
14 Information technology	22,344	20,692	394	1,258
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	176,027	163,014	3,107	9,906
17 Travel	35,240	25,173	10,006	61
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,376	1,376		
20 Interest	508		508	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	64,912	60,114	1,144	3,654
23 Insurance	6,484	6,484		
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 MISCELLANEOUS	92,509	85,669	1,634	5,206
b DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	56,170	52,904	2,105	1,161
c PRINTING	36,099	30,386	3,928	1,785
d BANK FEES	1,679	1,555	30	94
e All other expenses	2,033	792	1,241	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,453,045	2,219,299	80,268	153,478
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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	372,554	1	1,395,709
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	29,704	4	264,215
	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	25,086	9	4,496
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 483,438		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 62,790	54,940	10c 420,648
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	3,835,256	12	3,680,754
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	14,301	14	3,709
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	32,947	15	16,474
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	4,364,788	16	5,786,005	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	303,616	17	368,676
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	965	21	295
	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	13,175	25	529,797
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	317,756	26	898,768
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	4,047,032	27	4,887,237
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	4,047,032	32	4,887,237
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	4,364,788	33	5,786,005	

Part XI Reconciliation 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	3,293,250
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,453,045
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	840,205
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	4,047,032
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	4,887,237

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	Yes	
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?		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.		

Additional Data

Return to Form

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or
990EZ)

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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Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH

Employer identification number

20-3676886

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

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019, (e) 2020, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 Value of services or facilities furnished; 4 Total; 5 Portion of total contributions exceeding 2%; 6 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019, (e) 2020, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income; 11 Total support; 12 Gross receipts from related activities; 13 First 5 years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2020 (75.630%); 15 Public support percentage for 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 (73.420%); 16a 33 1/3% support test-2020; b 33 1/3% support test-2019; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test-2020; b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test-2019; 18 Private foundation.

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. <input type="checkbox"/>						

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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

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? <i>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.</i>		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>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.</i>		
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)? <i>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.</i>		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>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).</i>		
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?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) .</i>		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).</i>		

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? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		
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)? <i>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).</i>		
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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
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.**

- 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.*
- 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.*

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.*
- 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.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
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).

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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 33¹/₃% 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> 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
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

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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
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(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
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions)
3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions)

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?
4a Was a correction made?
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b.
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. Rows 1-6.

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	3,667													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	3,667													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	2,449,378													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	2,453,045													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	272,652													
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:35%; text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width:65%; text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	68,163													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	246,952	255,315	265,123	272,652	1,040,042
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,560,063
c Total lobbying expenditures	23,256	30,651	30,306	3,667	87,880
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	61,738	63,829	66,281	68,163	260,011
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					390,017
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

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▶ **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.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|--------|
| c Beginning balance | -965 |
| d Additions during the year | 670 |
| e Distributions during the year | |
| f Ending balance | -295 |
- 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		23,747	144,324	100,943	100,943
b Contributions			50,000	50,000	
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs		23,747	170,577	6,619	
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance			23,747	144,324	100,943

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:

- (i)** Unrelated organizations
- (ii)** Related organizations

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

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

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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		380,653	36,434	344,219
d Equipment		102,785	26,356	76,429
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				420,648

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 _____		
(A) CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	1,250,000	F
(B) GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS	703,326	F
(C) INSURED DEPOSIT PROGRAM	1,727,428	F
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	3,680,754	

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	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	529,797

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	3,466,766
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	173,516	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	173,516
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	3,293,250
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	3,293,250

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	2,626,561
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	173,516	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	173,516
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,453,045
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	2,453,045

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 IV, LINE 2B:	THE INSTITUTE MAINTAINS AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR A CONSULTANT WHO PROVIDES CHARITABLE SOLICITATION COMPLIANCE SERVICES TO THEM. ACTIVITY FOR THE ESCROW ACCOUNT IS RECORDED ANNUALLY AND THE ACCOUNT WILL BE REPLENISHED PERIODICALLY WHEN NECESSARY.
PART X, LINE 2:	IN ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES, ACCOUNTING STANDARDS REQUIRE AN ENTITY TO RECOGNIZE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT IMPACT OF A TAX POSITION WHEN IT IS MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT THAT THE POSITION WILL NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION. MANAGEMENT EVALUATED THE INSTITUTE'S TAX POSITIONS AND CONCLUDED THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS GUIDANCE.

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Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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

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

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

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 AMERICAN PHILANTHROPIC 119 N HIGH ST WEST CHESTER, PA 19380	IDENTIFY PROSPECTIVE DONORS, HELP PREPARE GRANT PROPOSALS		No	0	0	0
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

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

AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, FL, KY, MA, MI, MN, NH, NM, NC, OK, OR, SC, VA, GA, IL, KS, MD, MS, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TN, UT, WV, WI

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

		(a)Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c)Other events	(d) Total events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶					

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

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

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

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

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ -----

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ -----

Description of services provided ▶ -----

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

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
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Employer identification number

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

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

b If any of the boxes 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

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?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed 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?
 - b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
 - c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3), 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?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

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?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

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.

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

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

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No
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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 J, PART I, LINE 4	ALLEN DICKERSON'S FINAL DAY OF EMPLOYMENT WAS DECEMBER 16, 2020 AND ZAC MORGAN'S FINAL DAY OF EMPLOYMENT WAS DECEMBER 31, 2020. THE BASE COMPENSATION AMOUNTS FOR THEM INCLUDE PAYMENT FOR ACCRUED AND UNUSED PAID TIME OFF. THE PAYMENT FOR ACCRUED AND UNUSED PAID TIME OFF WAS \$50,625.00 FOR ALLEN DICKERSON AND \$40,028.85 FOR ZAC MORGAN.

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Schedule L
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Transactions with Interested Persons

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH

Employer identification number
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only).

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

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

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

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

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

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

Total ▶ \$ _____

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) BRADLEY SMITH	CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	66,000	CONSULTING		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE O
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EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	NO SUCH COMMITTEES EXISTED.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE INSTITUTE'S AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEWS A DRAFT OF THE 990 PRIOR TO FILING. A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS ALSO PROVIDED TO THE INSTITUTE'S GOVERNING BODY BEFORE IT IS FILED.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	EVERY YEAR BOTH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EVERY OFFICER REVIEWS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND MUST DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE POLICY AT OR AROUND ITS FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR AND EACH MEMBER PROVIDES WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT. EVERY EMPLOYEE ALSO RECEIVES AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE POLICY. ANY CONFLICTS OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT OR OTHERWISE REPORTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND REVIEWED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN REVIEWING ANY CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT, ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO MAY HAVE A CONFLICT IS RECUSED FROM RESOLVING THE CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE PRESIDENT'S COMPENSATION IS NEGOTIATED WITH THE CHAIRMAN, AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD. COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES IS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE INSTITUTE'S FORM 990 IS AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE AND IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE. THE INSTITUTE DOES NOT MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE PROCESS DID NOT CHANGE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND OVERSIGHT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT.
CASES IN LITIGATION PART I	CALZONE V. MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION (LOBBYING DISCLOSURE.) OUR REPRESENTATION OF RON CALZONE, A CITIZEN ACTIVIST IN MISSOURI, BEGAN IN AUGUST 2015. SOME LEGISLATORS AND LOBBYISTS IN THE STATE ATTEMPTED TO SILENCE MR. CALZONE, WHO HAS FOR MANY YEARS ADVOCATED FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, FREE MARKETS, AND CONSTITUTIONALLY LIMITED GOVERNMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, AS MR. CALZONE SAYS, "MY ACTIVISM HAS MADE SOME POWERFUL ENEMIES MAYBE HIGH-PAID LOBBYISTS DON'T LIKE HAVING TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR CLIENTS WHY AVERAGE CITIZENS, USING NOTHING MORE THAN FACTS, REASON, AND SPEECH, BEAT THEM AT THEIR OWN GAME TIME AND AGAIN." MR. CALZONE'S DIFFICULTIES WITH STATE REGULATORS BEGAN ON ELECTION DAY 2014, WHEN THE SOCIETY OF GOVERNMENT CONSULTANTS, A LOBBYIST GUILD IN MISSOURI, FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION. THE COMPLAINT ALLEGED THAT WHEN MR. CALZONE SPOKE WITH LEGISLATORS DURING HIS ADVOCACY, HE WAS ACTING AS A LOBBYIST. THIS CLAIM WAS SURPRISING BECAUSE CALZONE HAD NEVER BEEN PAID OR IN ANY WAY COMPENSATED, NOR HAD HE GIVEN ANY GIFTS TO LAWMAKERS. YET HIS ALLEGED FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST WITH THE STATE COULD SUBJECT HIM TO FINES AND POSSIBLY EVEN JAIL TIME. THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH'S LEGAL TEAM STEPPED IN TO DEFEND MR. CALZONE AGAINST THESE ABSURD CHARGES, REPRESENTING CALZONE IN SEPTEMBER 2015 WHEN HIS CASE CAME BEFORE THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HEARING WAS A TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE. FOR OVER FOUR HOURS, BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, THE COMMISSION VIOLATED BASIC CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AND IGNORED THE PLAIN WORDS OF MISSOURI LAWS. WITNESSES THAT THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH'S ATTORNEYS HAD NEVER BEEN INFORMED ABOUT TESTIFIED AGAINST MR. CALZONE, DOCUMENTS WERE ENTERED AS EVIDENCE THAT WERE NEVER VERIFIED, AND THE INVESTIGATOR FOR THE COMMISSION QUOTED INTERVIEWS SHE ALLEGEDLY CONDUCTED WITH LAWMAKERS, DESPITE ADMITTING THAT SHE HAD DELETED ALL OF HER NOTES. IN THE END, THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT MR. CALZONE WAS A LOBBYIST AND SOUGHT TO FINE HIM \$1,000 FOR NOT PROPERLY REGISTERING WITH THE STATE BEFORE EXPRESSING HIS OPINIONS ABOUT MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO STATE LEGISLATORS. OUR ATTORNEYS APPEALED THE COMMISSION'S RULING IN MISSOURI STATE COURT. A STATE COURT JUDGE ENDED THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MR. CALZONE BECAUSE THE INITIAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY A CORPORATION INSTEAD OF AN INDIVIDUAL AS REQUIRED BY LAW. SINCE ANOTHER COMPLAINT BY AN INDIVIDUAL COULD AGAIN TRIGGER AN INVESTIGATION AND FINE, OUR ATTORNEYS IMMEDIATELY FILED A LAWSUIT IN FEDERAL COURT ON OCTOBER 21, 2016 SEEKING TO HAVE THE LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL. AFTER A LOSS IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, WE APPEALED TO THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS WHERE A PANEL OF THREE JUDGES RULED AGAINST CALZONE, BUT THE OPINION DREW A SHARP DISSENT. WE APPEALED TO THE FULL EN BANC EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, WHICH AGREED TO REVIEW THE RULING. ON NOVEMBER 1, 2019, THE FULL EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULED IN FAVOR OF OUR CLIENT RON CALZONE'S RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT. THE COURT SET A NEW PRECEDENT ESTABLISHING THAT UNPAID VOLUNTEERS LIKE CALZONE WHO TALK TO STATE LEGISLATORS, WITHOUT TRYING TO INFLUENCE THEM WITH GIFTS, CANNOT BE FINED FOR FAILING TO REGISTER AS LOBBYISTS. THE CASE FINALLY ENDED IN MARCH 2020 WHEN THE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE APPROVED AN AWARD FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES. OUR SUCCESS IN THIS CASE PROTECTED THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO PETITION GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.
CASES IN LITIGATION	INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH V. BONTA (DISCLOSURE OF GIVING TO CHARITIES.) AS IN MOST JURISDICTIONS, CHARITIES SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS IN CALIFORNIA ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE STATE. EACH YEAR, REGISTERED

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PART II	<p>CHARITIES ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A COPY OF THEIR IRS FORM 990 TAX RETURNS WITH THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AS A CONDITION OF MAINTAINING THEIR CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED ABILITY TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS. ON SCHEDULE B OF THE FORM 990, CHARITIES ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE IRS THE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND AMOUNT DONATED FOR MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS DURING THE YEAR. THE SCHEDULE B IS SUBMITTED TO THE IRS ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND, UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THE AGENCY IS PROHIBITED FROM RELEASING THIS INFORMATION TO ANYONE, EXCEPT IN VERY NARROWLY DEFINED CIRCUMSTANCES AND ONLY ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. HISTORICALLY, THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL DID NOT REQUIRE REGISTERED CHARITIES TO FILE COPIES OF THEIR CONFIDENTIAL, UNREDACTED FORM 990 SCHEDULE B DONOR LISTS WITH THE STATE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ONLY BEGAN DEMANDING THIS INFORMATION IN RECENT YEARS, AND THE SUDDEN DEMANDS DID NOT ARISE FROM ANY CHANGES IN, AND WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY, THE STATE'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO HAD NOT CITED ANY RECENT CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTING THESE DEMANDS. BECAUSE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO THIS INFORMATION AND HAS NO GOOD REASON FOR DEMANDING IT, THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH FILED SUIT TO STOP THIS PRACTICE. WE ARGUED THAT THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEMAND FOR OUR DONOR INFORMATION WAS AN INFRINGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH AND ITS DONORS' FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH AND ASSOCIATION. DONORS WHO MAY NOT NECESSARILY WISH TO SPEAK ON THEIR OWN ABOUT AN ISSUE MAY CHOOSE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SPEAK BY GIVING TO AN ORGANIZATION SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR UNPOPULAR OR CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES PRECISELY THE TYPE OF SPEECH FOR WHICH THE FIRST AMENDMENT'S PROTECTIONS ARE MOST IMPORTANT. DONORS MUST BE FREE TO GIVE TO ANY LAWFUL CAUSE OF THEIR CHOOSING WITHOUT GOVERNMENT INTRUSION. IF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING OVER CITIZENS' SHOULDERS AND REVIEWING WHICH GROUPS THEY GIVE TO, THEY WILL CHILL DONORS' WILLINGNESS TO GIVE TO CERTAIN GROUPS, THEREBY REDUCING THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK, AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR ASSOCIATION. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE DEFAULT RULE SHOULD BE FOR INDIVIDUAL CHARITIES OPPOSING DEMANDS FOR THEIR DONOR INFORMATION TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY WILL FACE PARTICULARIZED HARM FROM TURNING THE DATA OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT. IN EFFECT, THIS CREATES A CATCH-22 IN WHICH ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR DONORS CAN CLAIM AN EXEMPTION ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED HARM OR THREATS, BUT ORGANIZATIONS AND DONORS WOULD HAVE NO PROTECTION AGAINST POTENTIAL FUTURE HARM. FIRST AMENDMENT CASE LAW DOES NOT SUPPORT SUCH A BACKWARDS-LOOKING RULE. THE NINTH CIRCUIT RULED FOR CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING NONPROFITS FROM ENGAGING IN PROTECTED FIRST AMENDMENT SPEECH IF THEY MAINTAIN THE PRIVACY OF THEIR SUPPORTERS. THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH WAS BANNED FROM SPEAKING WITH POTENTIAL DONORS IN CALIFORNIA UNLESS IT REPORTED ITS DONORS TO THE STATE. SINCE FILING THE LAWSUIT, THE INSTITUTE HAS REFUSED TO ACCEDE TO THE STATE'S DEMANDS AND AS A CONSEQUENCE STOPPED SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE STATE. ON DECEMBER 18, 2019, IFS ASKED THE U.S. SUPREME COURT TO HEAR THE CASE AND REAFFIRM ITS LONGSTANDING PRECEDENTS ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION. ON JULY 2, 2021, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT GRANTED OUR PETITION. THE NINTH CIRCUIT'S RULING WAS VACATED AND THE CASE WAS REMANDED BACK TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING IN AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY V. BONTA THE PREVIOUS DAY. OUR SUCCESS IN THIS CASE PROTECTED THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO ASSEMBLY.</p>
CASES IN LITIGATION PART III	<p>JOE MARKLEY AND ROB SAMPSON V. STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION (LIMITS ON CANDIDATE SPEECH.) AT ISSUE IN THIS CASE IS A STATE'S EFFORT TO RESTRICT VOTERS FROM HEARING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATES. CONNECTICUT'S STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION (SEEC) FINED TWO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS FOR CAMPAIGN MAILERS THAT DISCUSSED THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES. WITH THE HELP OF IFS, THE TWO CANDIDATES ARE FIGHTING BACK. JOE MARKLEY, THEN A STATE SENATOR, AND ROB SAMPSON, THEN A STATE REPRESENTATIVE (AND NOW A STATE SENATOR), WERE ENSNARED BY THE LAW AFTER THEY DECIDED TO SPLIT THE COSTS ON A SERIES OF STANDARD CAMPAIGN MAILERS HIGHLIGHTING THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN OFFICE. THE MAILERS PROMOTED MARKLEY AND SAMPSON AS OPPONENTS OF GOVERNOR DANNEAL MALLOY'S POLICIES ON TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING. MALLOY WAS ALSO ON THE BALLOT THAT YEAR. BY CRITICIZING THE GOVERNOR'S RECORD, THE SEEC ARGUED THAT MARKLEY AND SAMPSON MADE AN ILLEGAL EXPENDITURE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR'S OPPONENT. THE SEEC ORDERED SAMPSON TO PAY A \$5,000 FINE AND ORDERED MARKLEY TO PAY A \$2,000 FINE. IN ORDER FOR THE ADS TO BE LEGAL, THE SEEC BELIEVES THE GOVERNOR'S OPPONENT WOULD HAVE HAD TO APPROVE AND SHARE IN THE COSTS OF THE ADS. THIS IS HIGHLY UNREALISTIC AND WOULD RESULT IN LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES BEING EFFECTIVELY PROHIBITED FROM SPEAKING ABOUT A GOVERNOR'S POLICIES IN CAMPAIGN ADS IF THE GOVERNOR IS RUNNING FOR REELECTION. WE ASKED A CONNECTICUT COURT TO DISMISS THE FINES AND DECLARE THE LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL. AFTER THE STATE COURT RULED THAT IT COULD NOT RULE ON THE CASE BECAUSE TOO MUCH TIME HAD PASSED, OUR CLIENTS APPEALED. THE CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT AGREED TO HEAR THE CASE BEFORE THE LOWER APPEALS COURT HAD EVEN RULED ON IT. THE SUPREME COURT REVERSED THE LOWER COURT AND RULED THAT DISMISSAL OF THE APPEAL WOULD "EFFECTIVELY PENALIZE THE PLAINTIFFS FOR THE COMMISSION'S MISTAKE" THAT DELAYED A JUDICIAL APPEAL. NOW WE SEEK VICTORY ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE. SUCCESS IN THIS CASE WOULD PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO SPEAK AND PUBLISH. MAZO AND MCCORMICK V. WAY, ET AL. (BALLOT SLOGAN RESTRICTIONS.) IFS ATTORNEYS ARE REPRESENTING TWO CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS IN NEW JERSEY, EUGENE MAZO AND LISA MCCORMICK, IN A FEDERAL LAWSUIT ASKING THE COURT TO DECLARE THE STATE'S RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN SLOGANS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. NEW JERSEY LAW ALLOWS CANDIDATES IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS TO INCLUDE A SLOGAN OF UP TO SIX WORDS NEXT TO THEIR NAME ON THE BALLOT. THE LAW, HOWEVER, PROHIBITS SLOGANS FROM NAMING OR REFERRING TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ANY INCORPORATED ENTITY IN NEW JERSEY, UNLESS THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES THEIR PERMISSION. THIS HAS FUELED A COMPETITION IN THE STATE TO INCORPORATE ENTITIES IN ORDER TO OWN THE RIGHTS TO THEIR NAMES FOR BALLOT SLOGANS AND EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM USING THEM. EUGENE MAZO IS A LAW PROFESSOR WHO IS SEEKING THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW JERSEY'S 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. MAZO SUBMITTED THREE SLOGANS, BUT ALL WERE REJECTED BY THE STATE BECAUSE EACH NAMED AN INCORPORATED ENTITY IN NEW JERSEY. TO AVOID HAVING NO SLOGAN APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, MAZO DID WHAT OTHER CANDIDATES DO: HE REGISTERED CORPORATIONS OF HIS OWN IN THE STATE, NAMED AFTER SLOGANS HE WISHED TO USE. LISA MCCORMICK IS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WHO IS SEEKING THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR THE HOUSE IN NEW JERSEY'S 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. STATE OFFICIALS DENIED HER CHOICE OF SLOGAN NOT ME. US." BECAUSE MCCORMICK DID NOT HAVE PERMISSION FROM AN INCORPORATED ENTITY ORGANIZED IN NEW JERSEY UNDER THAT NAME. A SECOND SLOGAN NAMING BERNIE SANDERS WAS ALSO DENIED BECAUSE SHE DID NOT HAVE SANDERS' PERMISSION TO USE HIS NAME. ULTIMATELY, MCCORMICK WAS ABLE TO SECURE PERMISSION TO USE THE SLOGAN, "DEMOCRATS UNITED FOR PROGRESS." CANDIDATES HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THE RHETORIC AND LANGUAGE OF THEIR CHOICE IN THEIR SLOGANS. YET NEW JERSEY'S LAW ALLOWS ANYONE TO CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF A SLOGAN SIMPLY BY INCORPORATING AN ENTITY UNDER THAT NAME. THIS SYSTEM IS UNWISE</p>

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	AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE CASE IS MAZO AND MCCORMICK V. WAY, ET AL. IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, NEWARK DIVISION. SUCCESS IN THIS CASE WOULD PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO SPEAK.
CASES IN LITIGATION PART IV	SOUTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION, ET AL. V. BARNETT, ET AL. (CONSTITUTIONALITY OF BAN ON OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTIONS.) AMERICANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE STATE BALLOT MEASURES, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT RESIDENTS OF THE STATE. THIS WAS THE ISSUE AT THE HEART OF THIS CASE. ON BEHALF OF OUR CLIENTS, THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH FILED A FEDERAL LAWSUIT TO DEFEND THIS IMPORTANT FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT. THIS CASE BEGAN WHEN SOUTH DAKOTA VOTERS APPROVED INITIATED MEASURE 24 IN 2018. THE LAW BANNED "ANY CONTRIBUTION TO A STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME OF THE CONTRIBUTION, A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT IS ORGANIZED OUTSIDE SOUTH DAKOTA, OR AN ENTITY THAT IS NOT FILED AS AN ENTITY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE FOUR YEARS PRECEDING SUCH CONTRIBUTION." SUCH A BAN ON OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTIONS IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT. COURTS HAVE LONG RECOGNIZED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO BALLOT MEASURE CAMPAIGNS PROMOTE ROBUST DEBATE ABOUT PUBLIC ISSUES. THEY THEREFORE RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS. THIS IS NO LESS TRUE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RESIDENTS OF OTHER STATES. THE PLAINTIFFS IN THIS CASE WERE FOUR TRADE ASSOCIATIONS THAT WISH TO SPEND FUNDS TO SPEAK ABOUT BALLOT MEASURES IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AND ONE NATIONAL NONPROFIT AND ONE FORMER SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENT WHO WISH TO DONATE FUNDS TO GROUPS THAT SPEAK ABOUT SOUTH DAKOTA BALLOT ISSUES. ALL SIX WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM EXERCISING THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE BAN. THE SOUTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION IS A NONPROFIT FOUNDED IN 1882 THAT REPRESENTS SOUTH DAKOTA'S 114 WEEKLY AND 11 DAILY NEWSPAPERS. THE SOUTH DAKOTA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION IS A NONPROFIT FOUNDED IN 1897 THAT REPRESENTS NEARLY 4,000 SOUTH DAKOTA RETAILERS ACROSS THE STATE. THE SOUTH DAKOTA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION IS A NONPROFIT THAT REPRESENTS 26 TV AND 118 RADIO STATIONS IN THE STATE. AND THE SOUTH DAKOTA CHAMBER BALLOT ACTION COMMITTEE IS AN EVERGREEN COMMITTEE AFFILIATED WITH THE SOUTH DAKOTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AN ORGANIZATION CREATED BY BUSINESS LEADERS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC POLICY IN THE STATE. THESE FOUR GROUPS ALL ADVOCATE FOR THE POLICIES THEY THINK ARE BEST FOR SOUTH DAKOTA. TO DO SO, THEY ADVOCATE FOR AND AGAINST BALLOT MEASURES. BUT ALL FOUR OF THESE GROUPS ALSO WANTED TO RECEIVE OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP FUND THEIR ADVOCACY. BY BANNING SUCH FUNDS, SOUTH DAKOTA WAS LIMITING THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF THESE GROUPS. THE PLAINTIFFS ALSO INCLUDED THOMAS BARNETT, JR., A FORMER SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENT WHO HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN BALLOT MEASURE CAMPAIGNS, WHO HAD RECENTLY RETIRED TO FLORIDA. THIS BAN THUS PRESENTED SERIOUS HARM BOTH TO IN-STATE GROUPS LOOKING TO ACCEPT OUT-OF-STATE FUNDS AND OUT-OF-STATE GROUPS AND CITIZENS LOOKING TO SPEAK IN THE STATE. THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN ENFORCING THIS BAN. FAR FROM BENEFITING THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THIS BAN WOULD HARM THEM BY REMOVING VALUABLE VOICES IN DEBATES ABOUT BALLOT MEASURES. MANY STATE ISSUES HAVE NATIONAL OR REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS, AND VOTERS MAY WISH TO HEAR FROM NON-STATE RESIDENTS OR BUSINESSES WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY STATE POLICY. VOTERS MAY ALSO WISH TO HEAR FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN SPECIFIC POLICY AREAS. THE LAWSUIT ALSO ARGUED THAT THE BAN WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL UNDER THE COMMERCE CLAUSE BECAUSE IT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST AND BURDENS THE INTERSTATE FLOW OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUT-OF-STATE INDIVIDUALS. ON MAY 9, 2019, A FEDERAL JUDGE AGREED WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH'S ARGUMENT THAT THIS BAN WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL UNDER BOTH THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND THE COMMERCE CLAUSE. THE STATE CHOSE NOT TO APPEAL, AND THE CASE FORMALLY ENDED ON JANUARY 9, 2020 WHEN THE FEDERAL JUDGE ORDERED AN AWARD FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES IN THE CASE. OUR SUCCESS IN THIS CASE PROTECTED THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO SPEAK AND PUBLISH.
CASES IN LITIGATION PART V	THOMAS V. BRIGHT (CONSTITUTIONALITY OF TENNESSEE POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.) THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH REPRESENTED WILLIAM H. THOMAS, JR. IN THE STATE'S APPEAL OF A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT RULING THAT TENNESSEE'S SIGN RULES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN MARCH 2017, A FEDERAL JUDGE RULED FOR THOMAS, SAYING TENNESSEE LAW VIOLATED THE FIRST AMENDMENT BY CREATING "AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL, CONTENT-BASED REGULATION OF SPEECH." MR. THOMAS OWNS SEVERAL ROADSIDE SIGNS. THIS APPEAL CONCERNED ONE SUCH SIGN, WHICH HE HAS USED TO EXPRESS VARIOUS NON-COMMERCIAL MESSAGES AND OPINIONS, SUCH AS CHEERING ON U.S. ATHLETES DURING THE OLYMPICS AND CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS. TENNESSEE HAS SOUGHT TO TEAR DOWN MR. THOMAS'S SIGN, BUT CRUCIALLY, IT WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DO SO HAD IT ADVERTISED ON-SITE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY OR THE SALE OF HIS PROPERTY. SUCH ADS ARE EXEMPT UNDER THE LAW GOVERNING BILLBOARDS IN TENNESSEE. SO IF A NEARBY AUTO BODY SHOP WANTED TO ADVERTISE A SALE ON TIRES WITH THE SAME-SIZED BILLBOARD, IT COULD DO SO. AS A RESULT OF THIS EXEMPTION, THE STATE MUST LOOK TO A SIGN'S CONTENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE REGULATED. THIS CREATES A MAJOR FIRST AMENDMENT PROBLEM. A LAW THAT PERMITS A SIGN THAT SAYS "CHEAP CIGARETTES HERE," BUT PROHIBITS AN IDENTICAL-SIZED SIGN THAT READS "CUT THE PROPERTY TAX OR "PASS THE CLEAN WATER ACT" IS A CONTENT-BASED RESTRICTION ON SPEECH. SUCH RESTRICTIONS MUST SURVIVE STRICT SCRUTINY. TENNESSEE APPEALED THE LOWER COURT'S RULING IN OCTOBER 2017. THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH REPRESENTED THOMAS DURING THE APPEAL BUT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CASE PREVIOUSLY. ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2019, THE UNITED STATES SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULED THAT THE TENNESSEE BILLBOARD ACT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THIS RULING SET A NEW PRECEDENT IN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT AND WILL BE INFLUENTIAL IN OTHER FEDERAL COURTS. THE COURT BARRED TENNESSEE FROM TEARING DOWN A SIGN PRAISING TEAM USA THAT BELONGED TO OUR CLIENT. THE KEY PRINCIPLE AT STAKE IN THIS CASE GOES FAR BEYOND A PATRIOT PROHIBITED FROM SALUTING THE OLYMPIC TEAM. AS THE COURT NOTED IN ITS OPINION, "THE BILLBOARD ACT'S ON-PREMISES EXCEPTION SCHEME IS A CONTENT-BASED REGULATION OF (RESTRICTION ON) FREE SPEECH." AS SUCH, THE STATE'S LAW ENABLED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST POLITICAL AND PUBLIC POLICY SPEECH. TENNESSEE PETITIONED THE U.S. SUPREME COURT FOR REVIEW, BUT THE COURT DENIED THE PETITION ON JULY 9, 2020. THE CASE ENDED WITH A SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 RULING BY THE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE PROVIDING AN AWARD OF \$259,055 IN ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR OUR WORK IN THIS CASE. OUR SUCCESS IN THIS CASE PROTECTED THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO SPEAK AND PUBLISH.
CASES IN LITIGATION PART VI	YES ON PROP B V. SAN FRANCISCO (COMPELLED SPEECH, INCLUDING TOP FIVE DONOR DISCLOSURE ON FACE OF COMMUNICATION.) DISCLAIMERS MUST BE SIMPLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD SO THAT VIEWERS CAN REMEMBER THEM AND SPEAKERS ARE NOT FORCED TO READ LENGTHY GOVERNMENT SCRIPTS. YET SAN FRANCISCO HAS CREATED DISCLAIMER REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMPAIGN ADS THAT CAN TAKE UP 28 SECONDS OF AD TIME OR OVER 30% OF PRINTED ADS. SUCH A LENGTHY DISCLAIMER CHILLS PROTECTED POLITICAL SPEECH AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE LAWSUIT, YES ON PROP B V. SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO POLITICAL ACTIVIST TODD DAVID FORMED THE COMMITTEE YES ON PROP B TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF A MARCH 2020 BALLOT INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE HIS CITY'S FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, AND

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	<p>EMERGENCY RESPONSE FACILITIES AND SERVICES. TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL, YES ON PROP B ("YPB") INTENDED TO PURCHASE DIGITAL VIDEO ADS, YARD AND WINDOW SIGNS, AND CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER ADS. THE GROUP'S EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE ELECTORATE WERE EFFECTIVELY SILENCED BY SAN FRANCISCO'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL DISCLAIMER REQUIREMENTS. ON JANUARY 28, 2020, YES ON PROP B FILED A LAWSUIT IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA TO SECURE ITS RIGHT TO SPEAK ABOUT ELECTIONS IN COMMON, COST-EFFECTIVE FORMATS. AFTER HEARING ORAL ARGUMENTS, THE COURT GRANTED ONLY LIMITED RELIEF COVERING NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS AND AUDIO AND VIDEO ADS OF 30 SECONDS OR LESS. THE RULING UPHELD THE DISCLAIMER REGIME OUTSIDE OF THESE NARROW CATEGORIES AND DETERMINED THAT THE RISK OF THE DISCLAIMERS CHILLING SPEECH WAS "MODEST." IN DOING SO, THE DISTRICT COURT WENT AGAINST PRECEDENT OF BOTH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AND THE NINTH CIRCUIT. ON MARCH 20, 2020, YPB APPEALED TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT. REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH, THE APPELLANTS ASKED THE COURT TO DECLARE SAN FRANCISCO'S DISCLAIMER REGIME UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN ITS ENTIRETY. UNFORTUNATELY, ON OCTOBER 21, 2020, THE NINTH CIRCUIT RULED THAT OUR CLIENT'S CLAIMS WERE MOOT AND DISMISSED THEM WITHOUT REACHING THE MERITS OF THEIR ARGUMENTS.</p>

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