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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2021

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2021, and ending 12-31-2021

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

C Name of organization: EMPIRE JUSTICE CENTER. Doing business as. Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 1 WEST MAIN STREET 200. Room/suite. City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: ROCHESTER, NY 14614

D Employer identification number: 16-1487925. E Telephone number: (585) 454-4060. G Gross receipts \$ 10,370,016

F Name and address of principal officer: KRISTIN BROWN, 1 WEST MAIN STREET 200, ROCHESTER, NY 14614

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.EMPIREJUSTICE.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation

L Year of formation: 1995. M State of legal domicile: NY

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE EMPIRE JUSTICE CENTER IS A STATEWIDE MULTI-ISSUE, MULTI-STRATEGY ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON CHANGING THE SYSTEMS WITHIN WHICH POOR AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES LIVE...

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, Amount. Rows 2-7a, 7b. Includes total revenue and net unrelated business taxable income.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows 8-12. Revenue section.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows 13-19. Expenses section.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances section.

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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer KRISTIN BROWN PRESIDENT & CEO, Date 2022-10-31

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date 2022-10-31, Firm's name EFPR GROUP CPAS PLLC, Firm's address 6390 MAIN STREET SUITE 200 WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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:

TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE IN NEW YORK STATE WHO ARE POOR, DISABLED OR DISENFRANCHISED THROUGH: SYSTEMS CHANGE ADVOCACY, TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO OTHER ADVOCATES AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND HIGH QUALITY DIRECT CIVIL LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

**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 \$ 2,326,305 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 2,381,152 )  
 CRIME VICTIMS AND DV: EMPIRE JUSTICE BRINGS AWARENESS TO THE MANY CIVIL LEGAL NEEDS OF CRIME VICTIMS, WHILE ALSO HELPING VICTIMS ACCESS CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW YORK STATE CRIME VICTIMS LEGAL NETWORK. THE NETWORK FOCUSES ON THE 57 COUNTIES OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY. TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS IN MONROE COUNTY, THE HUDSON VALLEY AND ON LONG ISLAND. FUNDED THROUGH THE NYS OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,359,626 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 1,370,462 )  
 CFH AND IMMIGRATION: TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO IMMIGRANTS IN THE HUDSON VALLEY AND ON LONG ISLAND. FUNDED THROUGH VARIOUS GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, INCLUDING THE NYS OFFICE FOR NEW AMERICANS. TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE TRAINING, SUPPORT, DATA COLLECTION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO 54 LEGAL SERVICES AND HOUSING COUNSELING GRANTEEES AS PART OF THE NYS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HOMEOWNERSHIP PROTECTION PROGRAM (HOPP). TO PROVIDE DIRECT REPRESENTATION TO HOMEOWNERS AT RISK OF FORECLOSURE IN THE GREATER ROCHESTER AREA.

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,077,625 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 1,068,720 )  
 PUBLIC BENEFITS AND DAP: EMPIRE JUSTICE CONTRACTS WITH NEW YORK STATE TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WESTERN NEW YORK WHO HAVE BEEN INAPPROPRIATELY DENIED OR TERMINATED FROM FEDERAL DISABILITY AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAMS. EMPIRE JUSTICE ALSO CONTRACTS WITH THE STATE UNDER DAP TO PROVIDE TRAINING, SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GRANTEEES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 564,945 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 362,891 )  
 CREE AND HEALTH: EMPIRE JUSTICE ASSISTS SENIORS IN SECURING MEDICARE PART D, TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN THE GREATER ROCHESTER AREA, TO PROVIDE TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES IMPACTING HEALTH CARE POLICIES IN NEW YORK STATE. FUNDED THROUGH VARIOUS GRANTS AND CONTRACT INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY, THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, AND THE LEGAL ACTION CENTER.

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 3,066,690 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 2,730,114 )  
 OTHER/GENERAL: THIS CONSISTS OF VARIOUS GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND PROGRAM INCOME ARE USED TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES AND UNDERTAKE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES, ADVOCACY, TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE, AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR, DISABLED, AND/OR DISENFRANCHISED.

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)  
 (Expenses \$ 3,631,635 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 3,093,005 )

**4e** **Total program service expenses** 8,395,191

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 reporting.

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 other IRS filings.

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 backup withholding rules.

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

Table with 17 main rows (2a-17) and sub-rows (a-e). Columns include question text, a numeric column (2a-17), a 'Yes' column, and a 'No' column. Row 2a contains the value '96'. Row 2b contains 'Yes'. Row 7d contains the value '7d'. Row 10a contains the value '10a'. Row 10b contains the value '10b'. Row 11a contains the value '11a'. Row 11b contains the value '11b'. Row 12a contains the value '12a'. Row 12b contains the value '12b'. Row 13a contains the value '13a'. Row 13b contains the value '13b'. Row 13c contains the value '13c'. Row 14a contains the value '14a'. Row 14b contains the value '14b'. Row 15 contains the value '15'. Row 16 contains the value '16'. Row 17 contains the value '17'.

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, or key employee...

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 on 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... 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

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NY
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: KRISTIN BROWN 1 WEST MAIN STREET NO 200 ROCHESTER, NY 14614 (585) 454-4060

**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 the 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, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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 the 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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) EMILY WHALEN ESQ CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) JUNIOR DILLION MA LMHC VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) KRISTEN CLARK CPA FHFMA TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) PETER ELKOWITZ JR SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) JOHN S HO ESQ SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) JUAN GABRIEL GENAO MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(7) DEBORAH P AMORY PHD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(8) LOLA W BRABHAM MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(9) ERIN E ELMOUJJI ESQ MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(10) NANCY ENGELHARDT MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(11) TINA M FOSTER MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(12) VANESSA GONZALEZ MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(13) GINETTE ROWS RN MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(14) MEGAN SHERMAN ESQ MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(15) KRISTIN BROWN PRESIDENT AND CEO	35.00			X				139,727	0	21,007
(16) KRISTIN HUGHES VICE PRESIDENT	35.00			X				113,691	0	28,633
(17) SUSAN C ANTOS SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00					X		123,732	0	14,790



**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 Amt Similar Amounts				
<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .			230,921	
<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Related organizations				
<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)			1,466,885	
<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above			758,219	
<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$				
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .				2,456,025

Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
<b>2a</b> OTHER		511110	2,469,304	2,469,304		
<b>b</b> CRIME VICTIM AND DV		541100	2,381,152	2,381,152		
<b>c</b> CFH AND IMMIGRATION		511110	1,172,109	1,172,109		
<b>d</b> PUBLIC BENEFITS AND DAP		511110	1,068,720	1,068,720		
<b>e</b> LEGAL FEES		541100	419,540	419,540		
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue.			402,514	402,514		
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f. . . . .			7,913,339			

Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		652			652	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .						
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>6b</b> Less: rental expenses					
		<b>6c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		<b>7b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		<b>7c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .						
		<b>8b</b> Less: direct expenses					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .						
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .						
		<b>9b</b> Less: direct expenses					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .						
<b>10b</b> Less: cost of goods sold							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
<b>11a</b>							
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .							
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .			10,370,016	7,913,339	0	652	

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	253,419	241,625	11,794	
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	4,623,407	4,408,245	215,162	
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	159,612	153,735	5,877	
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	811,766	781,879	29,887	
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	353,013	340,016	12,997	
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal				
<b>c</b> Accounting				
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,631,794	1,597,285	34,509	
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	13,423	9,546	3,877	
<b>13</b> Office expenses	18,606	18,233	373	
<b>14</b> Information technology	75,288	65,027	10,261	
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	490,910	436,678	54,232	
<b>17</b> Travel	10,202	9,733	469	
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>20</b> Interest	76,169		76,169	
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	41,484		41,484	
<b>23</b> Insurance	38,578	37,576	1,002	
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> ORGANIZATION AND STAFF	158,017	123,982	34,035	
<b>b</b> PROGRAM EXP	89,585	86,576	3,009	
<b>c</b> EQUIPMENT	69,133	64,003	5,130	
<b>d</b> STIPEND	16,424	15,202	1,222	
<b>e</b> All other expenses	10,671	5,850	4,821	
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	8,941,501	8,395,191	546,310	0
<b>26</b> 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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash-non-interest-bearing . . . . .	150	<b>1</b>	726,186
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments	482,615	<b>2</b>	106,375
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	2,803,085	<b>3</b>	3,022,115
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	87,500	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from 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		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	94,275	<b>9</b>	190,746
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 392,880		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b> 330,463	86,891	<b>10c</b> 62,417
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	7,041	<b>15</b>	35,635
<b>16 Total assets:</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	3,561,557	<b>16</b>	4,143,474	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	1,006,288	<b>17</b>	1,240,465
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	37,500	<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	7,041	<b>21</b>	7,041
	<b>22</b> 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		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	871,900	<b>23</b>	83,691
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	344,934
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	750,000	<b>25</b>	150,000
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	2,672,729	<b>26</b>	1,826,131
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	-141,065	<b>27</b>	1,375,846
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions	1,029,893	<b>28</b>	941,497
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances	888,828	<b>32</b>	2,317,343
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,561,557	<b>33</b>	4,143,474	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	10,370,016
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	8,941,501
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	1,428,515
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	888,828
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>10</b>	2,317,343

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
<b>b</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	
<b>c</b>	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	Yes	
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	Yes	
<b>b</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.	Yes	

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**Special Condition Description**

**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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

**Name of the organization**  
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**Employer identification number**  
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**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).)
- 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:

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- 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 on 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		
<b>Total</b>						

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

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020, (e) 2021, (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: (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020, (e) 2021, (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: Line number, Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2021 (99.610%); 15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 (88.100%); 16a 33 1/3% support test-2021; 16b 33 1/3% support test-2020; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test-2021; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test-2020; 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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6. . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b.						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .						
<b>14 First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2021</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2020</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

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

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>		
<b>2</b> 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>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>2</b> 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>		
<b>3</b> 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>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

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

- a**  The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b**  The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c**  The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

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

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> 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? <i>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.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>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.</i>		

**3** Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> 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? <i>If "Yes" or "No", provide details in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

**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)

<b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> 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)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>		

**Section B - Minimum Asset Amount**

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year  
(optional)

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

**Section C - Distributable Amount**

Current Year

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

- 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
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in <b>Part VI</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>6</b>	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	<b>10</b>	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
<b>a</b> From 2016. . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2017. . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2018. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2019. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2020. . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2017. . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2018. . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2019. . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2020. . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2021. . . . .			

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

### Facts And Circumstances Test

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**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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

**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.

Name of the organization EMPIRE JUSTICE CENTER	<b>Employer identification number</b> 16-1487925
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

<b>1</b>	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."		
<b>2</b>	Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions .....	▶	\$ _____
<b>3</b>	Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions .....		_____

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

<b>1</b>	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 .....		\$ _____
<b>2</b>	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 .....		\$ _____
<b>3</b>	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>4a</b>	Was a correction made? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</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).**

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				
<b>4</b>				
<b>5</b>				
<b>6</b>				

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

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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....	1,299													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	8,665													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	9,964													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	8,932,507													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	8,942,471													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	597,124													
<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.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	149,281													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	515,161	476,175	560,457	597,124	2,148,917
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					3,223,376
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	4,597	37,777	8,982	9,964	61,320
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	128,790	119,044	140,114	149,281	537,229
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					805,844
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	566	4,533	359	1,299	6,757

**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
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? .....			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? .....			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? .....			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? .....			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? .....			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? .....			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? .....			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? .....			
<b>i</b> Other activities? .....			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i .....			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? .....			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 .....			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 .....			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....			

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

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

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

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

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

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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Supplemental Financial Statements

2021

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two yes/no questions about donor informed.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows include purpose(s) of conservation easements, total number, acreage, and number of easements on historic structures.

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.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include whether organization elected to report in revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets.

**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    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance . . . . .             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year . . . . .     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year . . . . . | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance . . . . .                | <b>1f</b> |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ .....
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶ .....
  - c** 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
<b>3a(i)</b>		
<b>3a(ii)</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

**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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements		69,779	54,927	14,852
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		58,851	58,851	0
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		264,250	216,685	47,565
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				62,417

**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)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (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
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	150,000

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	10,370,016
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	10,370,016
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	10,370,016

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	8,941,501
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	8,941,501
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	8,941,501

**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.

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PART IV, LINE 2B:	CLIENT ESCROW FUNDS ARE HELD IN A SEPARATE, INTEREST-BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT.
PART X, LINE 2:	THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (THE CODE); THEREFORE, NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES IS REFLECTED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER SECTION 509(A) OF THE CODE. THE ORGANIZATION PRESENTLY DISCLOSES OR RECOGNIZES INCOME TAX POSITIONS BASED ON MANAGEMENT'S ESTIMATE OF WHETHER IT IS REASONABLY POSSIBLE OR PROBABLE THAT A LIABILITY HAS BEEN INCURRED FOR UNRECOGNIZED INCOME TAXES. MANAGEMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT IN ITS FINANCIAL ATTEMPTS. U.S. FORMS 990 FILED BY THE ORGANIZATION ARE SUBJECT TO TAX EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES.

## **Additional Data**

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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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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EMPIRE JUSTICE CENTER

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input 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 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
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		No
<b>5b</b>		No
<b>6a</b>		No
<b>6b</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		



**Part 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 O**  
**(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.**▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.**

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND TREASURER AND THEN PRESENTED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS EITHER ELECTRONICALLY OR BY PAPER COPY PRIOR TO ITS SIGNING AND SUBSEQUENT FILING WITH THE IRS. AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, THE TREASURER AND TAX PREPARER, IF APPROPRIATE, WILL REVIEW THE FORM 990 WITH THE BOARD.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MAINTAINS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTING AS A WHOLE WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SET CEO COMPENSATION AND CONDUCT AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF CEO PERFORMANCE. IT WILL SET COMPENSATION IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4953 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE: INCLUDING: AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION SETTING PROCESS WHICH IS BASED ON RELIABLE INFORMATION, WITH CONTEMPORANEOUS DOCUMENTATION, AND THAT SEEKS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THAT IS REASONABLE COMPARED TO THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED TO CEO'S PROVIDING LIKE SERVICES, IN SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. IN SETTING CEO COMPENSATION, THE BOARD WILL PERIODICALLY OBTAIN AND REVIEW INFORMATION ON COMPENSATION IN COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS. IN THE INTERVENING YEARS THE BOARD MAY RELY ON THE LAST PREVIOUS DATA COLLECTIONS AND TREND IT FORWARD TO THE CURRENT YEAR. THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES INCLUDES THE USE OF COMPARABILITY DATA AS WELL.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE FORM 1023 APPLICATION WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THE IRS AND FORM 990 FOR THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS. THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CONTRIBUTORS ON SCHEDULE B SHALL BE REDACTED IN THE FORM 990'S THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A FEE OF \$1.00 PER PAGE PLUS POSTAGE IF ANY. OTHER CORPORATE DOCUMENTS SUCH AS BYLAWS, MINUTES, FINANCIALS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SHALL BE MAINTAINED AS INTERNAL DOCUMENTS AND SHALL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, UNLESS FOR A BUSINESS REASON AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	SUBCONTRACTED LEGAL SERVICES: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 1,584,482. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 30,862. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0. TOTAL EXPENSES 1,615,344. AUDIT: PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 12,803. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 3,647. FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0. TOTAL EXPENSES 16,450.
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 12C:	NO CHANGES TO AUDIT PROCESS OR OVERSIGHT DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.

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