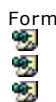


Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations): Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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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 FAIRVOTE ACTION		D Employer identification number 38-3650370	
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (301) 270-4616	
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 6930 CARROLL AVENUE 240	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 1,211,000	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912			
F Name and address of principal officer: 6930 CARROLL AVENUE 240 TAKOMA PARK, MD 209124423			H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. See instructions. H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527				
J Website: ▶ N/A				
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶			L Year of formation: 2002	M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO ADVOCATE FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS THAT EXPAND DEMOCRACY AND PROMOTE GREATER VOTER CHOICE IN ELECTIONS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL.		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	4
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6		
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0	
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 279,800	Current Year 1,211,000
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	279,800	1,211,000
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	116,200
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		2,900	173,156
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶7,038			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		193,841	284,096
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		312,941	492,252
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		-33,141	718,748
Net Assets or Fund Balances		20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 10,085
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		58,709
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	10,085	728,833

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer				2022-08-10	
	ROBERT RICHIE President				Date	
	Type or print name and title					
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature		Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00723879
	Firm's name ▶ DUNHAM AUKAMP & RHODES PLC				Firm's EIN ▶ 54-1972062	
	Firm's address ▶ 4437 Brookfield Corporate Dr Suite CHANTILLY, VA 20151				Phone no. (703) 631-8940	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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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 ADVOCATE FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS THAT EXPAND DEMOCRACY AND PROMOTE GREATER VOTER CHOICE IN ELECTIONS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL.

2

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

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?

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.

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(Code:) (Expenses \$ 408,126 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

FairVote Action campaigns for better elections for all. We win voting reforms that make democracy better, more functional, and more representative for all Americans. We devote our resources and staff time to advocate for election reforms that will lead to sustained change, primarily through direct engagement with elected officials and political party leaders. Today we focus on working with allies in support of two particular changes: to establish ranked choice voting (RCV) as the normal way to vote in all elections at the national, state and local levels, and to replace winner-take-all elections for Congress with the proportional form of RCV. In 2021, we more than doubled our spending in support of these goals. For the first time, FairVote Action compensated salaried staffers for their time to advance our goals. We also had consultants working to advance our goals and grants to support advocacy for RCV. We will provide an illustrative summary in major areas of our 2021 work, followed by specific examples:RCV in Presidential Primaries: In 2018, FairVote Action started to advocate for the use of RCV ballots in presidential primaries, given a calculation that: (1) both parties benefit from this change; (2) it is a particularly sensible complement to increased use of early voting; and (3) presidential primaries draw a great deal of voter interest. Work in this area in 2021 included:Securing state base: Democratic Party chairs in the states that used RCV in 2020 (Alaska, Hawaii, Kansas, and Wyoming) or have laws to use RCV in 2024 (Maine) all signed a letter to the Rules and Bylaws Committee (RBC) of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in 2021 expressing their intent to use RCV ballots in presidential primaries in 2024. They encouraged the RBC to adopt the needed long-term rule changes. We have kept regular and positive communication with all five states in 2021-2022.Maine legislative success: We worked with Democracy Maine and its legislative allies to include three important RCV provisions into a bill on elections. The new law: (1) corrected the language on presidential primaries to allow RCV to be used in ways consistent with DNC rules; (2) clarified how to report RCV results in general elections for president to be consistent with other possible reforms like the National Popular Vote interstate compact; and (3) had the legislature affirm the use of RCV for congressional elections, which heads off potential negation of Maines use of congressional elections even if as feared - the Supreme Court in 2023 rules that citizen initiatives to change federal election law are illegal.Testing state advocacy: Use of RCV for presidential primaries is eminently sensible, but presents complexity given the fact that parties have the right to use the same primary election results differently for delegate allocation based on their own rules. Our legal team consulted with a range of party officials, lawmakers, and reform partners to settle on policy and statutory language that we think best meets our advocacy and impact objectives in this area. With support from our staff and contractors, we joined national and state reform allies to prepare for tests in winning RCV for presidential primaries in several states, most notably in well-backed efforts in Colorado, Vermont, and Washington. While these efforts confirmed that many lawmakers are more ready to advance this form of RCV than other forms of RCV at this time, they also clarified needs we must meet. Creating foundation for Republican Party engagement: Republicans have less stringent national mandates on delegate selection in presidential nominations. Working with staff and contractors, we have focused on building a base of support in states where we have allies and positive narratives to uplift. As examples, Virginia Republicans use of RCV has drawn national attention as part of the reason Glenn Youngkin emerged from the primary well-positioned to win the general election, while Utah Republican lawmakers in the state legislature and cities have passed laws and ordinances resulting in 23 cities signing up to use RCV in their city elections in 2021.Building a presence on Capitol Hill: FairVote and FairVote Action have a history of strong individual relationships with Members of Congress, but not sustained engagement with the objective of passing legislation. In 2021, we hired an experienced new Government Affairs team, and built out our Hill operation with a part-time lobbyist and senior policy counsel. Progress included:Developing new relationships with more than 30 congressional offices and the following bills: The Voter Choice Act (HR5500 / S2939) would provide federal grants to support the cost of local and state governments transitioning to RCV and/or proportional RCV. Due to FairVote Actions initiative, it was successfully offered as an amendment to the Protect our Democracy Act, HR5314, where it passed the House in December 2021. The Freedom to Vote Act (S2747) includes the administration of RCV as an eligible activity for funding within its State Democracy Promotion Program. The bill passed the House in January 2022 before failing to overcome a filibuster in the Senate. The For the People Act (HR1 / S1) includes two pro-RCV provisions: one that requires all new voting equipment purchased with federal dollars to be compatible with RCV elections and one to create a GAO study about RCV. HR1 passed the House in 2021. The Fair Representation Act (HR3863) would implement proportional RCV for the U.S. House of Representatives elections. The bill was introduced in 2021 with eight sponsors and cosponsors.State legislative wins: In 2021, at least 30 states considered RCV legislation, with four states passing laws: Colorado (standards and funding for localities to implement RCV), Georgia (adoption of a long-time FairVote-catalyzed proposal to have overseas voters preserve their voting power by casting RCV ballots in runoff elections), Maine (as discussed above) and Utah (facilitating the city pilot program for RCV).Support for city wins: FairVote Action focuses primarily on sustainable legislative strategies, but such strategies may lead to local ballot measures. In 2021, five of the six local RCV ballot measures were the product of a city council or charter commission being persuaded to refer RCV to the ballot. All won, and indeed the last 13 local ballot measures in 2019-2021 have won by an average of nearly 30 percentage points. Most of FairVote Actions impact was through making connections and general movement support; we also made a substantial grant to VPIRG for its work on behalf of RCV in a lopsided win for RCV in city council elections in Vermont's largest city of Burlington and its state legislative advocacy.FairVote Action also invested in early work exploring legislative advocacy for RCV in Washington, DC. Including contracting with a lobbyist to engage with the city council and a grant to More Voice DC. In 2022, a bill to establish RCV for primaries was introduced with the support of a city council majority.Media coverage on RCV: FairVotes media audit of national coverage of RCV in 2021 found that FairVote Action leaders were by far the most cited authority on RCV and that RCV received substantially more positive coverage than negative coverage. FairVote Action CEO Rob Richie wrote a full-length oped on RCV in the New York Times and was featured in a mix of print, radio, podcast and TV across the year.Movement Support: FairVote Action staff supported state and local groups in several ways, such as:Reform groups in states and cities: Our communications, movement support resources, and service-oriented approach contributed to progress in states and cities. Examples of state and local support include biweekly phone calls with reformers from pro-RCV groups in most states, a Slack channel for peer-to-peer networking, and an internal RCV Library website.Legal roundtable: After joining us in June 2021, senior legal fellow Mike Parsons successfully shepherded the launch of a legal roundtable, with representatives from five national groups and pro bono allies. Among the tables substantial contributions was coordinating on driving and submitting two amicus briefs in defense of RCV before the Alaska Supreme Court; that success included a first-ever state supreme court ruling upholding our take that RCV is consistent with most votes wins provisions.Organizational strengthening: FairVote Action had a major overhaul in 2021 as we created the conditions for scaling. We: (1) created new bylaws and reincorporated in Washington, DC; (2) elected a new board of directors, with leaders including Tom Wathen, Andrew Yang, and Lindsay Donnelly; (3) had attorneys define how best for FairVote Action to work with FairVote, including being able to compensate FairVote staffers for their time; (4) prepared to launch a new website at FairVoteAction.org; and (5) secured two multi-year grants guaranteeing more than \$1

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MEDIA AND MOVEMENT SUPPORTMovement support to national, state and local organizations working on RCV Below are illustrative highlights of our work in this area: Virginia Facilitated the legal roundtable proposing language for Virginia regulations incorporated almost entirely and adopted unanimously. Provided support for the Republican Party of Virginias use of RCV in its statewide nomination contest in May 2021Utah: Provided ongoing strategy and election administration advice to Utah RCV, including in its outreach to city councils that resulted in a record 23 cities opting into the RCV pilot program in November 2021. Facilitated successful election administration of the resulting elections by providing resources, acting as a liaison with election equipment vendors, and advancing best practices for publishing results. Prepared post-election analysis and presented it to state and local policymakers.Texas Did a report with Third Way on the cost of runoffs. Worked with RCV for Texas on op-eds and materials. Assisted with Phone2Action requests.Michigan Ensured that the legal roundtable provided statutory advice to Rank MI Vote as it advanced RCV in Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo.Maine Worked with Democracy Maine as it advanced RCV locally and statewide. Helped draft three pro-RCV provisions that were included in the Secretary of States elections package that became law in 2021. Supported implementation and media around the use of RCV in Portland and its adoption in Westbrook in 2021.Washington Raised more than \$200k for FairVote Washington to engage in a lobbying push for pro-RCV bills in 2022. Acted as a regular sounding board as FV Washington engages in effective advocates that have resulted in two county ballot measures in 2022.Vermont Provided funding and advice to VPIRG as it led the successful ballot measure campaign in Burlington Helped prepare bills for RCV in presidential primaries.California Helped Cal RCV as it was launched, including having FairVote California come under the leadership of Cal RCV leaders for 501-c-3 work in the state. Provided expert testimony to city councils or charter review commissions in Redondo Beach, San Jose, San Bruno, and San Bernardino. Participated in the San Diego coalition seeking to bring RCV to that city.Oregon Provided advice as needed to More Equitable Democracy and Sightline as they worked with advocates in Portland who successfully persuaded the Portland charter commission to place RCV for all offices and proportional RCV for city council elections on the November 2022 ballot.Provided training on running campaigns under RCV with Democratic state parties in Alaska and New Mexico. RCV Network Lead bi-weekly meetings with local RCV leaders: We organize these meetings and provide resources, information, and time for groups to learn and connect. Compiled RCV resources in the RCV Library, a virtual database. We supported 48 organizations from at least 29 states through the library as demonstrated by logins into the RCV resource library.Additional state-level achievements that FV helped support through the RCV Network and resource library: New Jersey - passed a local trigger ordinance in Hoboken. We have been nurturing the RCV effort in New Jersey for over two years, providing data, talking points, guest speaker appearances, and strategic advice. Hawaii - established RCV for special federal elections and special elections of vacant county council seats in 2022. Common Cause HI led this

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions. 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 	3 Yes	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 	5 Yes	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a	No
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)?	11f	No
12a If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part XI. Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions.	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21 Yes	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	8
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	No

Part V			Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)		
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return			2a	0	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.			2b		
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?			3a		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O			3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? Enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			4a		No
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .			5a		No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b		No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			6a	Yes	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b	Yes	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).					
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.					
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:					
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:					
a Gross income from members or shareholders			11a		
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)			11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.			12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.					
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			13a		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans			13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand			13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			14a		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O			14b		
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?			15		No
16 If the organization is required to file Form 990-B, Schedule N, Section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?			16		No
17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			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

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Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year.	1a	4	
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent.	1b	4	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	Yes	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.	9		No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: MD

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.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
THE ORGANIZATION 6930 CARROLL AVENUE 240 TAKOMA PARK, MD 209124423 (301) 270-4616

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			1a Federated campaigns		1a		
Amt Similar Amounts			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 1,211,000		
			g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$		1g		
			h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,211,000		
Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue.						
9 Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			0				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		0				
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0				
	5 Royalties		0				
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a						
	b Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)			0			
		(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)			0			
	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			0			
	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			0			
	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			0			
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			0				
12 Total revenue. See instructions			1,211,000				

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	35,000	35,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	500	500		
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	172,656	112,352	53,696	6,608
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9 Other employee benefits	0			
10 Payroll taxes	0			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0			
b Legal	4,801		4,801	
c Accounting	9,519		9,519	
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	245,063	244,563	500	
12 Advertising and promotion	2,625	2,625		
13 Office expenses	2,974		2,974	
14 Information technology	0			
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	11,280	7,352	3,498	430
17 Travel	2,645	2,645		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,075	3,075		
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0			
23 Insurance	1,860		1,860	
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 Printing and Publications	240		240	
b Postage and Shipping	14	14		
c				
d				
e All other expenses	0			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	492,252	408,126	77,088	7,038
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

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				(A)		(B)
				Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		10,085	1	232,542
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			2	0
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	550,000
	4	Accounts receivable, net			4	0
	5	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			5	0
	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	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	0
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			9	5,000
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c	0
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			11	0
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	0
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13	0
	14	Intangible assets			14	0
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			15	0
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		10,085	16	787,542	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			17	20,711
	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			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25	37,998
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		0	26	58,709
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.					
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		10,085	27	60,085
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions			28	668,748
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.					
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		10,085	32	728,833
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		10,085	33	787,542

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	1,211,000
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	492,252
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	718,748
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	10,085
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	728,833

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ 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: ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ 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.		

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Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

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 FAIRVOTE ACTION	Employer identification number 38-3650370
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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?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☐ No
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?	☐ Yes ☒ No
5	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-.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
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)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.															
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><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></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)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -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?		☐ Yes ☐ 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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
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 Yes	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	No
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	No

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I-A, Line 1 - Direct and Indirect Political Campaign Activities	LOBBYING AND BALLOT WORK

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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.	
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:

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . .

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

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

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

b

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

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

4

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				

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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)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII

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

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

Part X

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	37,998

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	1,211,000		
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	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants			2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e			
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,211,000		
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			
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,211,000		

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	492,252		
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities			2a	
b	Prior year adjustments			2b	
c	Other losses			2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e			
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	492,252		
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			
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	492,252		

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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Schedule I (Form 990)	Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22. ▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-0047
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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2

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

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) VT PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH 141 Main St 6 MONTPELIER, VT 05602	03-0228267	4	30,000	0			SUPPORT VERMONT ADVOCACY FOR RCV

- 2

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

0
- 3

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

1

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

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(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 for the latest information.**Name of the organization
FAIRVOTE ACTION**Employer identification number**

38-3650370

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b: Form 990 Review Process	ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19: Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	No documents available to the public.
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2: Change of Oversight or Selection Process	A DRAFT OF THE AUDIT WAS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE.

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SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

- Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
Attach to Form 990.
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FAIRVOTE ACTION

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)FAIRVOTE 6930 CARROLL AVENUE 240 TAKOMA PARK, MD 20910 54-1635649	TO ANALYZE ELECTIONS AND BUILD SUPPORT	MD	501(C)(3)		NA		No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Disproprrtionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K- 1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

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

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

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