

Form **990EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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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A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022, and ending 12-31-2022

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

C Name of organization
Fix Democracy First

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1402 3rd Avenue STE 500

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Seattle, WA 98101

D Employer identification number
27-0056380

E Telephone number
(206) 552-3287

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: fixdemocracyfirst.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4) (insert no. 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **34,931**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

| | | | |
|---|---|-----------|--------|
| Revenue | 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received | 1 | 34,931 |
| | 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts | 2 | 0 |
| | 3 Membership dues and assessments | 3 | 0 |
| | 4 Investment income | 4 | 0 |
| | 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory | 5a | 0 |
| | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | 5b | 0 |
| | c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) | 5c | 0 |
| | 6 Gaming and fundraising events | | |
| | a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) | 6a | 0 |
| | b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) | 6b | 0 |
| c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events | 6c | 0 | |
| d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) | 6d | 0 | |
| 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | 7a | 0 | |
| b Less: cost of goods sold | 7b | 0 | |
| c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) | 7c | 0 | |
| 8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) | 8 | 0 | |
| 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 | 9 | 34,931 | |

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| Expenses | 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) | 10 | 521 |
| | 11 Benefits paid to or for members | 11 | 0 |
| | 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits | 12 | 3,265 |
| | 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors | 13 | 7,470 |
| | 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance | 14 | 919 |
| | 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping | 15 | 645 |
| | 16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) | 16 | 5,386 |
| 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 | 17 | 18,206 | |

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| Net Assets | 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) | 18 | 16,725 |
| | 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) | 19 | 6,355 |
| | 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 20 | 0 |
| | 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 | 21 | 23,080 |

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

| | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 22 Cash, savings, and investments | 6,355 | 22 | 16,080 |
| 23 Land and buildings | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| 24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) | 0 | 24 | 7,000 |
| 25 Total assets | 6,355 | 25 | 23,080 |
| 26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O). | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| 27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) | 6,355 | 27 | 23,080 |

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
To achieve fair elections and government policies that reflect the will of the people, not the power of money.
Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

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| 28 Fix Democracy First worked statewide to support good government policies and democracy reforms to strengthen the democratic process. (Grants \$ 521) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> | 28a | 14,153 |
| 29 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> | 29a | |
| 30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> | 30a | |
| 31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> | 31a | |
| 32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/> | 32 | 14,153 |

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated ; see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

| (a) Name and title | (b) Average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Cindy Black Executive Director | 4 | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Linda Brewster President | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ken Dammand Vice President | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| David Bangs Treasurer | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Linda Bock Secretary | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the

instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V.

Main form area containing questions 33 through 45b with corresponding input fields and Yes/No columns.

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| | Yes | No |
| 46 | | No |

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47- 49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI Yes No

47 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

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48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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| 49b | | |
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

| (a) Name and title of each employee | (b) Average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
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f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

| (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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.

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| Sign Here | Signature of officer | 2023-06-01 |
| | Cindy Black Executive Director Type or print name and title | Date |

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| Paid Preparer Use Only | Print/Type preparer's name Marcia Nakano | Preparer's signature | Date 2023-06-01 | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN P02473205 |
| | Firm's name <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Sun Accounting | | | Firm's EIN <input type="checkbox"/> 82-3726482 | |
| | Firm's address <input type="checkbox"/> PO Box 25726 Seattle, WA 98165 | | | Phone no. (206) 354-3920 | |

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

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Schedule B

Schedule of Contributors

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| Name of the organization Fix Democracy First | Employer identification number 27-0056380 |
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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

- Form 990 or 990-EZ
 - 501(c)() (enter number) organization
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
 - 527 political organization
- Form 990-PF
 - 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
 - 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

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

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| RESTRICTED | | \$ RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

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

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|---|---|
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | (e) Transfer of gift | | |
| | Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4 | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
| | _____ | _____ | |
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SCHEDULE O

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

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| Return Reference | Explanation |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 | Program Supplies: \$3,241; Office Expenses: \$1,889; Fundraising Expenses: \$256 |
| Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 | Accounts Receivable: \$7,000 |

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