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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2021

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2021, and ending 06-30-2022

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

C Name of organization: DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION
% THE ORGANIZATION
Doing business as
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: PO BOX 34553
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: WASHINGTON, DC 20043

D Employer identification number: 82-1007988
E Telephone number: (202) 701-1779
G Gross receipts \$ 6,631,197

F Name and address of principal officer: SKYE PERRYMAN, PO BOX 34553, WASHINGTON, DC 20043

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

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

J Website: www.democracyforward.org

K Form of organization: Corporation, Trust, Association, Other

L Year of formation: 2017
M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROTECT OUR NATION'S RIGHTS AND INSTI- TIONS BY WORKING THROUGH LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES, HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE WHILE CONCURRENTLY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 2 Check this box, 3 Number of voting members, 4 Number of independent voting members, 5 Total number of individuals employed, 6 Total number of volunteers, 7a Total unrelated business revenue, 7b Net unrelated business taxable income.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 8 Contributions and grants, 9 Program service revenue, 10 Investment income, 11 Other revenue, 12 Total revenue.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 13 Grants and similar amounts paid, 14 Benefits paid to or for members, 15 Salaries, other compensation, 16a Professional fundraising fees, 16b Total fundraising expenses, 17 Other expenses, 18 Total expenses, 19 Revenue less expenses.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows include: 20 Total assets, 21 Total liabilities, 22 Net assets or fund balances.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here: Signature of officer SKYE PERRYMAN PRESIDENT, Date 2023-05-08, Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date 2023-05-08, Check self-employed, PTIN P00956578, Firm's name GILBERT & WOLFAND PC, Firm's EIN, Firm's address 2201 WISCONSIN AVE NW SUITE 320, WASHINGTON, DC 20007, Phone no. (202) 342-6000

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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



1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKE OUR NATION'S DEMOCRACY STRONG BY WORKING THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES TO PRESERVE THE RULE OF LAW AND HOLD GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE, AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THOSE EFFORTS.

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

Yes No

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

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

Yes No

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,448,478 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 4,448,478

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements, such as completing Schedules A through H, and reporting on various activities and assets.

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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | Yes | |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> | | No |
| 24b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| 24c | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | |
| 24d | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | No |
| 25b | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | 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? | | No |
| 27 | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | 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): | | |
| 28a | A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 28b | A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 28c | A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | Yes | |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? | | No |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | No |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | 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? | | No |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> | Yes | |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | Yes | |
| 35b | 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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | No |
| 36 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | No |
| 37 | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | 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. | 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 | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | Yes | |

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

Table with 17 main rows (2a-17) and sub-rows (a-e). Columns include question text, a grid for 'Yes/No' answers, and a grid for numerical values. Row 2a includes a '2a' column for a numerical value and a '33' column for a percentage. Row 17 includes a '17' column for a numerical value.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year... 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent... 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? 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? 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 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? 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 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.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b 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? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b 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 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 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? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization 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? 16b 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?

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Row 17: List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed. Answer: AL, AR, CA, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NC, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV, WI. Row 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 [x] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O). Row 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. Row 20: State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: THE ORGANIZATION PO BOX 34553 WASHINGTON, DC 20043 (202) 701-1779

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

| (A) Name and title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|---|--|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) SEAN LEV LEGAL DIRECTOR | 40.0 0.0 | | | | X | | | 257,083 | 0 | 35,789 |
| (2) SKYE PERRYMAN PRESIDENT/CEO | 40.0 0.0 | | | X | | | | 210,000 | 0 | 6,600 |
| (3) ROBIN THURSTON MANAGING SR COUNSEL | 40.0 0.0 | | | | | X | | 195,333 | 0 | 7,540 |
| (4) MEGAN UZZELL EXTERNAL AFFAIRS | 40.0 0.0 | | | | | X | | 165,000 | 0 | 29,043 |
| (5) MICHAEL MARTINEZ MANAGING SR COUNSEL | 40.0 0.0 | | | | | X | | 169,500 | 0 | 6,780 |
| (6) JEFFREY DUBNER MANAGING SR COUNSEL | 40.0 0.0 | | | | | X | | 163,333 | 0 | 12,084 |
| (7) SAMARA SPENCE SR COUNSEL | 40.0 0.0 | | | | | X | | 160,417 | 0 | 9,886 |
| (8) ANDRIANNA DUNBAR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS | 40.0 0.0 | | | X | | | | 144,375 | 0 | 20,979 |
| (9) MARC ELIAS DIRECTOR/CHAIR | 1.0 0.0 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (10) JOHN PODESTA DIRECTOR | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (11) SCOTT NATHAN DIRECTOR RESIGNED AUG 2021 | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (12) MINDY MYERS DIRECTOR/TREASURER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (13) MATT MILLER DIRECTOR | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

| | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514 |
|---|----------------------|--|---|--|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Amt Similar Amounts | | | | |
| 1a Federated campaigns | | 1a | | |
| b Membership dues | | 1b | | |
| c Fundraising events | | 1c | | |
| d Related organizations | | 1d | | |
| e Government grants (contributions) | | 1e | | |
| f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | | 1f | 6,119,171 | |
| g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$ | | 1g | 455,348 | |
| h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | | | 6,119,171 |

| Program Service Revenue | Business Code | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|
| | | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
| 2a PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE | | 60,000 | 60,000 | | |
| b | | | | | |
| c | | | | | |
| d | | | | | |
| e | | | | | |
| f All other program service revenue. | | | | | |
| g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. | | 60,000 | | | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---------|---|--------|--|
| 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 | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | 6b Less: rental expenses | | | | |
| | | 6c Rental income or (loss) | 0 | 0 | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | 0 | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | 452,026 | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | | 7b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | 455,348 | | | |
| | | 7c Gain or (loss) | -3,322 | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | -3,322 | | -3,322 | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | | | 0 | | |
| | | 8b Less: direct expenses | | 0 | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | 0 | | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | | | 0 | | |
| | | 9b Less: direct expenses | | 0 | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | 0 | | | |
| | 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | | | 0 | | |
| 10b Less: cost of goods sold | | | 0 | | | |
| 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 | | 6,175,849 | 60,000 | 0 | -3,322 | |

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 | 0 | | | |
| 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 | 844,107 | 446,267 | 259,433 | 138,407 |
| 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 | 2,676,742 | 2,626,742 | 5,000 | 45,000 |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | 86,737 | 84,987 | 175 | 1,575 |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 95,647 | 93,438 | 221 | 1,988 |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 275,403 | 243,813 | 16,426 | 15,164 |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | 0 | | | |
| b Legal | 67,089 | 63,942 | 3,147 | |
| c Accounting | 58,176 | 1,594 | 56,582 | |
| d Lobbying | 0 | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | 46,000 | | | 46,000 |
| 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) | 243,232 | 179,232 | | 64,000 |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | 0 | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | 100,920 | 93,974 | 5,343 | 1,603 |
| 14 Information technology | 38,792 | 34,913 | 3,879 | |
| 15 Royalties | 0 | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 277,785 | 250,006 | 27,779 | |
| 17 Travel | 43,590 | 43,590 | | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | 0 | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 57,492 | 57,492 | | |
| 20 Interest | 0 | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | 0 | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 9,723 | | 9,723 | |
| 23 Insurance | 29,550 | 26,348 | 3,042 | 160 |
| 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 DIGITAL ADS | 780 | 780 | | |
| b DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS | 158,760 | 157,444 | 1,316 | |
| c FILING FEES & LICENSES | 29,606 | 29,606 | | |
| d TELEPHONE & INTERNET FEES | 14,310 | 14,310 | | |
| e All other expenses | | | | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 5,154,441 | 4,448,478 | 392,066 | 313,897 |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

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

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year | |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|
| Assets | 1 Cash-non-interest-bearing | 3,977,874 | 1 | 4,832,425 | |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | 5,500 | 3 | 170,052 | |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 192 | 4 | 1,233 | |
| | 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 | 0 | 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) | 0 | 6 | 0 | |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | 0 | 7 | 0 | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | 0 | 8 | 0 | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 57,143 | 9 | 36,369 | |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 70,000 | | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 70,000 | 9,723 | 10c | 0 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | 0 | 11 | 0 | |
| | 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | 0 | 12 | 0 | |
| | 13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | 0 | 13 | 0 | |
| | 14 Intangible assets | 0 | 14 | 0 | |
| | 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 18,345 | 15 | 89,100 | |
| 16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) | 4,068,777 | 16 | 5,129,179 | | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 32,304 | 17 | 71,298 | |
| | 18 Grants payable | 0 | 18 | 0 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | 0 | 19 | 0 | |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | 0 | 20 | 0 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | 0 | 21 | 0 | |
| | 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 | 0 | 22 | 0 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | 0 | 23 | 0 | |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | 0 | 24 | 0 | |
| | 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 | 0 | 25 | 0 | |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 32,304 | 26 | 71,298 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. | | | | |
| | 27 Net assets without donor restrictions | 4,036,473 | 27 | 5,057,881 | |
| | 28 Net assets with donor restrictions | 0 | 28 | 0 | |
| | Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33. | | | | |
| | 29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 29 | | |
| | 30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund | | 30 | | |
| | 31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 31 | | |
| | 32 Total net assets or fund balances | 4,036,473 | 32 | 5,057,881 | |
| 33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 4,068,777 | 33 | 5,129,179 | | |

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 | 6,175,849 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 5,154,441 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 1,021,408 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A)) | 4 | 4,036,473 |
| 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 | 5,057,881 |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | | No |
| b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | Yes | |
| c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O. | | No |
| 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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Special Condition Description

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
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Name of the organization
DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION

Employer identification number
82-1007988

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2017 | (b) 2018 | (c) 2019 | (d) 2020 | (e) 2021 | (f) Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . . | 5,600,100 | 4,811,406 | 4,764,100 | 5,305,000 | 6,119,171 | 26,599,777 |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | 0 |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.. | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 | 5,600,100 | 4,811,406 | 4,764,100 | 5,305,000 | 6,119,171 | 26,599,777 |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . | | | | | | 12,966,804 |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 13,632,973 |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2017 | (b) 2018 | (c) 2019 | (d) 2020 | (e) 2021 | (f) Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4. | 5,600,100 | 4,811,406 | 4,764,100 | 5,305,000 | 6,119,171 | 26,599,777 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | 0 |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. | | | | | | 0 |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | | | | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 26,659,777 |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) | | | | | 12 | 60,000 |
| 13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 51.137 % |
| 15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | 0 % |
| 16a 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2017 | (b) 2018 | (c) 2019 | (d) 2020 | (e) 2021 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year. | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b. . | | | | | | |
| 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2017 | (b) 2018 | (c) 2019 | (d) 2020 | (e) 2021 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6. | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975. | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b. | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) | | | | | | |
| 14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|--|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | |

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|--|
| 17 Investment income percentage for 2021 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | |
| 18 Investment income percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | |

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

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

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

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

Section C - Distributable Amount

Current Year

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

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

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

(continued)

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

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

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

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Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

82-1007988

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes questions about purpose of easements, number of easements, acreage, monitoring, and expenses. Includes a table for 'Held at the End of the Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions about reporting art collections and amounts related to them.

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . **Yes** **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

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

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Term endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

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

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

- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | 70,000 | 70,000 | 0 |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c.) . . . ▶ | | | | 0 |

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 | 0 |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.) | 0 |

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 | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |

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

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

| | | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------|--|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | 1 | |
| 2 | 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 | |
| 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 | |

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|------------------|--|
| FASB ASC 740-10 | FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,2022, DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION HAS DOCUMENTED ITS CONSIDERATION OF FASB ASC 740-10, INCOME TAXES,THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES AND HAS DETERMINED THAT NO MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS QUALIFY FOR EITHER RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. |

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**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a** Mail solicitations
 - b** Internet and email solicitations
 - c** Phone solicitations
 - d** In-person solicitations
 - e** Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f** Solicitation of government grants
 - g** Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

| (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser) | (ii) Activity | (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? | | (iv) Gross receipts from activity | (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i) | (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization |
|---|---------------|--|----|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| | | Yes | No | | | |
| 1 GROSS CONTRIBUTIONS | | Yes | | 6,119,171 | | 6,119,171 |
| 2 BLUE WAVE 401 2ND AVENUE S STE 303 SEATTLE, WA 98104 | LARGE DONOR | | No | | 46,000 | -46,000 |
| 3 | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | 6,119,171 | 46,000 | 6,073,171 |

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

AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NV, NH, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV, WI

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

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

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

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

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

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

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

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

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

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

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

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

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ -----

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ -----

Description of services provided ▶ -----

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

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

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

b If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?

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

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

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

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

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

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

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

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

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

| | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|----|
| 1b | | |
| 2 | | |
| 4a | | No |
| 4b | | No |
| 4c | | No |
| 5a | | No |
| 5b | | No |
| 6a | | No |
| 6b | | No |
| 7 | | No |
| 8 | | No |
| 9 | | |

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

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

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

| (A) Name and Title | | (B) Breakdown of W-2, 1099-MISC compensation, and/or 1099-NEC | | | (C) Retirement and other deferred compensation | (D) Nontaxable benefits | (E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D) | (F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990 |
|---|------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | (i) Base compensation | (ii) Bonus & incentive compensation | (iii) Other reportable compensation | | | | |
| 1 SEAN LEV LEGAL DIRECTOR | (i) | 257,083 | 0 | 0 | 10,283 | 25,506 | 292,872 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 2 JEFFREY DUBNER MANAGING SR COUNSEL | (i) | 163,333 | 0 | 0 | 6,533 | 5,551 | 175,417 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- ----- |
| 3 MICHAEL MARTINEZ MANAGING SR COUNSEL | (i) | 169,500 | 0 | 0 | 6,780 | 0 | 176,280 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- |
| 4 ROBIN THURSTON MANAGING SR COUNSEL | (i) | 195,333 | 0 | 0 | 7,540 | 0 | 202,873 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- |
| 5 MEGAN UZZELL EXTERNAL AFFAIRS | (i) | 165,000 | 0 | 0 | 6,600 | 22,443 | 194,043 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- |
| 6 ANDRIANNA DUNBAR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS | (i) | 144,375 | 0 | 0 | 5,258 | 15,721 | 165,354 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- | ----- ----- |
| 7 SKYE PERRYMAN PRESIDENT/CEO | (i) | 210,000 | 0 | 0 | 6,600 | 0 | 216,600 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- ----- |
| 8 SAMARA SPENCE SR COUNSEL | (i) | 160,417 | 0 | 0 | 5,250 | 4,636 | 170,303 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
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Part III Supplemental Information

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

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- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
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Part I Types of Property

| | (a) Check if applicable | (b) Number of contributions or items contributed | (c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g | (d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 Art—Works of art | | | | |
| 2 Art—Historical treasures | | | | |
| 3 Art—Fractional interests | | | | |
| 4 Books and publications | | | | |
| 5 Clothing and household goods | | | | |
| 6 Cars and other vehicles | | | | |
| 7 Boats and planes | | | | |
| 8 Intellectual property | | | | |
| 9 Securities—Publicly traded | X | 1 | 455,348 | FMV |
| 10 Securities—Closely held stock | | | | |
| 11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests | | | | |
| 12 Securities—Miscellaneous | | | | |
| 13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures | | | | |
| 14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other | | | | |
| 15 Real estate—Residential | | | | |
| 16 Real estate—Commercial | | | | |
| 17 Real estate—Other | | | | |
| 18 Collectibles | | | | |
| 19 Food inventory | | | | |
| 20 Drugs and medical supplies | | | | |
| 21 Taxidermy | | | | |
| 22 Historical artifacts | | | | |
| 23 Scientific specimens | | | | |
| 24 Archeological artifacts | | | | |
| 25 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
| 26 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
| 27 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
| 28 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |

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

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

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

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SCHEDULE O
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| PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B | THE TAX RETURN IS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE CPA FIRM AND REVIEWED BY THE DIRECTORS, PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL. |
| PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C | DIRECTORS/OFFICERS ARE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IT AND ATTEST TO READING, UNDERSTANDING AND COMPLYING WITH THE POLICY. |
| PART VI SECTION C, LINE 19 | THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES THE 990 UPON REQUEST. |

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**SCHEDULE R
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

82-1007988

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 |
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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) DEMOCRACY FORWARD PO BOX 34553 WASHINGTON, DC 20043 82-0995286 | SOC WELFARE | DC | 501(C)(4) | | NA | Yes | |
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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) Disproportionate allocations? | | (i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) | (j) General or managing partner? | | (k) Percentage ownership |
|---|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|--|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
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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? | |
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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)

| | Yes | No |
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| 1a | | No |
| 1b | | No |
| 1c | | No |
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| 1h | | No |
| 1i | | No |
| 1j | | No |
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| 1l | | No |
| 1m | | No |
| 1n | Yes | |
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| 1p | | No |
| 1q | | No |
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| 1r | | No |
| 1s | | No |

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.

| (a) Name of related organization | (b) Transaction type (a-s) | (c) Amount involved | (d) Method of determining amount involved |
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| (1)NA | | | |
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Part VII Supplemental Information

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

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Explanation

Schedule R (Form 990) 2021

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