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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

- Sponsoring organizations and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

2008

Open to Public
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2008

, and ending 06-30-2009

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Termination
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type.
See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INCNumber and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 942City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
MONTPELIER, VT 05601D Employer identification number
16-1703662E Telephone number
(802) 223-6677

F Group Exemption Number ►

* Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts
must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ). ►G Accounting method
Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► www.publicassets.org

J Organization type (check only one) — 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 238,386

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

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	220,059
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	15,000
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0
4	Investment income	4	3,327
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
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) (attach schedule)	5c	0
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ►	6c	0
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0
b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
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 ►)	8	
9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8) ►	9	238,386
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	181,511
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	25,579
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	15,901
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	4,161
16	Other expenses (describe ►)	16	17,577
17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16) ►	17	244,729
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-6,343
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	192,353
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20) ►	21	186,010

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	193,397	22 181,519
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ►)	927	24 5,911
25 Total assets	194,324	25 187,430
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	1,971	26 1,420
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	192,353	27 186,010

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)				Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Inform citizens about governmental policies				
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title				
28	PAI informed the public about governmental policies through updated information on its website, 35 presentations, 7 press releases, 6 newsletters, 8 Op-Eds, 17 reports, and one statewide conference (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	202,119
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 (attach schedule) (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	202,119
Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)			Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33		No	
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		No	
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T	35a		No	
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	35b			
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	36		No	
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	37a			
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ►	37b		No	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	38a			
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38b			
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	39a			
39 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	39b			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9				
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities				
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ►, section 4912 ►, section 4955 ►	40b		No	
b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.				
c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ►				
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ►				
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	40e		No	
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ►				
42a The books are in care of ► <u>DENICE K BROWN</u> Telephone no ► <u>(802) 225-8907</u> 28 BARRE STREET SUITE 2 Located at ► <u>MONTPELIER, VT</u> ZIP + 4 ► <u>05602</u>	42b			
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►				
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	42c		No	
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►				
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ► and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ►	43			
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44		No	
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	45		No	

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 	47	Yes
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "yes," complete Schedule E	48	No
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	No
b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?	49b	

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 				

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000 		

Please Sign Here	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		
	***** Signature of officer <u>PAUL CILLO PRESIDENT</u> Type or print name and title	2010-03-03 Date	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature  WALLACE W TAPIA	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst X)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4  WALLACE W TAPIA PC PO BOX 5777 BURLINGTON, VT 05402		<input type="checkbox"/> EIN 	Phone no  (802) 863-6370

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2008**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1)
nonexempt charitable trusts.****Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.****Open to Public
Inspection****Name of the organization**
PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC**Employer identification number**

16-1703662

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only one organization)

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)

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)

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 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)

10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **Section 509(a)(4)**. (See instructions)

11 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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.)
Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")			115,787	283,011	220,059	618,857
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3			115,787	283,011	220,059	618,857
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						412,464
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						206,393

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4			115,787	283,011	220,059	618,857
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				3,437	3,327	6,764
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						625,621
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	40,000

13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	32.990 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	37.230 %
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. 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		
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the 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		
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 1-5						
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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Total of lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						0

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 30 June, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						0
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	0 %
16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	
19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008. 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% Tests - 2007. 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 **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

A Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group	B Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply		
Limits on Lobbying Expenditures— (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)			
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)			
d Other exempt purpose expenditures			
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)			
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns—			
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:		The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	
Not over \$500,000		20% of the amount on line 1e	
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000		\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000		\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000		\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	
Over \$17,000,000		\$1,000,000	
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)			
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a			
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c			
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

	(a)		(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount	
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of				
a Volunteers?		No		
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through i)?	Yes			
c Media advertisements?		No		
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No		
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No		
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No		
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		757	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?		No		
i Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV		No		
j Total lines 1c through 1i			757	
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No		
b If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912				
c If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912				
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?				

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt II-B Line 1i		N/A
Pt II-B, Line 1b & 1g		PAUL CILLO, (PRESIDENT) AND JOHN I HOFFMAN, III, (SENIOR POLICY
		ANALYST) DEVOTED A TOTAL OF 18.5 HOURS IN LOBBYING WITH RESPECT TO
		tax and budget issues with Vermont State legislators during the fiscal year

Part IV Supplemental Information

Form 4562

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2008

Attachment
Sequence No 67

► See separate instructions. ► Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return
PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INCBusiness or activity to which this form relates
Form 990 / Form 990EZIdentifying number
16-1703662**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179****Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	\$ 250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	\$ 800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

(a) Description of property

(b) Cost (business use only)

(c) Elected cost

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7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ►	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**Section A**

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	169
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ►		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		4,049	5	HY	S/L	405
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instr	22	574
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation/deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)					25			

26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use

	%							
	%							
	%							

27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use

	%			S/L -				
	%			S/L -				
	%			S/L -				

28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1

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29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1

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Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person

If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1	(b) Vehicle 2	(c) Vehicle 3	(d) Vehicle 4	(e) Vehicle 5	(f) Vehicle 6
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year						
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven						
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32						
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?						
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?						

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) A amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) A amortization for this year
42 A amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)					

43 A amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year	43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report	44

TY 2008 Other Assets Schedule

Name: PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC**EIN:** 16-1703662

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Security deposit		1,509
Equipment, book value	927	4,402

TY 2008 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

EIN: 16-1703662

Description	Amount
Conferences & meetings	1,394
Depreciation	574
Insurance	1,143
Miscellaneous	2,379
Staff development	623
Telephone	4,743
Travel	6,721

TY 2008 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC**EIN:** 16-1703662

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Accrued expenses	1,971	1,420

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 16-1703662
Name: PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
PAUL CILLO PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	President 32 00	64,800		
CARLEN FINN PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Treasurer 2 00	0		
LINDA MARKIN PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Chair 2 00	0		
MARION MILNE PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Director 1 00	0		
CHERYL MITCHELL PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Director 1 00	0		
SHEILA REED PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Secretary 2 00	0		
DAVID TUCKER PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Vice Chair 2 00	0		