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Form

990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2008 and ending 09-30-2009

B Check if applicable
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
FLORIDA TAXWATCH RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC
Doing Business As
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)
PO BOX 10209
Room/suite
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32302

D Employer identification number
59-1918055
E Telephone number
(850) 222-5052
G Gross receipts \$ 2,119,219

F Name and address of principal officer
dominic M Calabro
106 N Bronough St
tallahassee, FL 32301

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?
☐ Yes ☒ No
H(b) Are all affiliates included?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (3) ☐ (Insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: www.floridatxwatch.org

K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other
L Year of formation 1979
M State of legal domicile FL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO PROVIDE CITIZENS WITH INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ON GOVERNMENT FISCAL POLICY AND TO PROMOTE THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS
2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 9
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 9
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) 5 1
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) 7a
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)
Prior Year Current Year
1,223,677 1,195,579
873,447 883,843
16,626 39,422
375
2,113,750 2,119,219

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 0
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12
1,147,795 981,644
0
958,164 937,085
2,105,959 1,918,729
7,791 200,490

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20
Beginning of Year End of Year
2,448,376 2,618,328
46,221 15,453
2,402,155 2,602,875

Part II Signature Block

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 2010-08-16 Date
dominic M Calabro President & CEO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only
Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Thomson Brock Luger & Company
3375-G Capital Circle N E Tallahassee, FL 32308
EIN Phone no (850) 385-7444

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions.)

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO PROVIDE CITIZENS WITH INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ON GOVERNMENT FISCAL POLICY AND TO PROMOTE THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 285,996 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 253,000)

DAVIS PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS RECOGNIZES STATE WORKERS WHOSE INNOVATIONS IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,536,798 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 593,125)

RESEARCHERS ANALYZE GOVERNMENTS AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS AND PRESENT REPORTS RECOMMENDING WAYS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF SPENDING PUBLIC MONIES FOR THE PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT AND TAXATION

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 \$ 1,822,794 (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 		No
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 		No
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable 	Yes	
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	Yes	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S?		No
14b	b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		No
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J 	Yes	
24a	24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25		No
24b	b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c	c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d	d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		No
25b	b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		No

Part IV **Checklist of Required Schedules** *(Continued)*

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <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>		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		No
35	Is any related organization 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

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a12		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a16		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No
b	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			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?	7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		No
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h		No
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, process, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.				
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a	92	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	91	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a		No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	9b		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	10		No
11	Is there any officer, director or 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	11		No

Section B. Policies

			Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13		No
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14		No
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization?	15b		No
	Describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	FL
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.	
	DOMINIC CALABRO PO BOX 10209 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32302 (850) 222-5052	

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

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

- 1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

• 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 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) 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.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.
- ☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee
- | (A)
Name and Title | (B)
Average hours per week | (C)
Position (check all that apply) | | | | | | (D)
Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC) | (E)
Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC) | (F)
Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | ☒ Individual | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dominic M. Calabro
President & CEO | 60.00 | X | | X | | | | 305,656 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| David A. Smith
Chairman | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Martha Barnett
Chairman Elect | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Marshall Cnser III
Treasurer | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| John Zumwalt
Corporate Secretary | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mike Jennings
Immediate Past Chair | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| John Baker
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Barney Barnett
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Robert E. Coker
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Seteve L. Evans
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Ed Hannum
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Martha Korman
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Ron LaFace
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| David Mann
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Paul Noland
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Michelle Robinson
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Kathy Ross Adams
Director | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
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Part VII

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		☒ Individual	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Erika Alba Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
John R Alexander Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Kathy Anderson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Jerry E Aron Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Kevin Bakewell Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Fred Bennett Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Barney Bishop Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dr Wayne Blantib Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Brad Boaz Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Mark Bostick Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
David J Bowling Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Janegale Boyd Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Jeseoph R Boyd Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
David Bundy Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Bill Carlson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Elias N Chotas Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Tom Conrecode Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Doug Davidson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Bob Dearden Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Allison Defoor Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Vincent M Dolan Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Pepe Fanjul Jr Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Marty Fiorentino Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Pat Fitzgerald Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
John J Fumero Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Ray Gilley Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
David Goodlett Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Charlie Gray Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Ben Hill Griffen III Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Paul Grube Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Joe Hajek Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Viann Hardy Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Peter Harris Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Bill herrie Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Sherril Hudson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Jeff Julien Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Mark kaplan Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Stephen M Knopik Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Philip D Lewis Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Ralph Marrinson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Rick Mcallister Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
bill mcbnde Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
stephen mcgregor Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
dave mcintosh Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
ryals mcmullian Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
j elliott messer Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
mike mitrone Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
wayne mixson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
nch mormison Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
chris neal Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
patrick K Neal Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Cindy o'connell Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Van B poole Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Rick Qualman Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Mary lou rajchel Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
phil raymond Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
dean ndings Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
april salter Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
alex sanchez Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
jim schneider Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
fred seamon Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
jim shaeffer Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
linda shelley Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
jeffrey shuman Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
doug smith Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
jay smith Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
john andrew smith Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
john r smith Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
ed tancer Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
stanley G Tate Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
John Thomas Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Tom Warner Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Ben West Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Mark Wilson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
kurt wenner sr research analyst	40 00					X		100,001	0	0
1b Total								405,657	0	

1b Total

405,657

0

0

2

Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization

2

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1

Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2

Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization

0

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514			
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a							
	b	Membership dues	1b	1,195,579						
	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							
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 10,000								
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,195,579						
Program Service Revenue			Business Code							
	2a	Grant Research	900,099	593,125	593,125					
	b	DPA Awards	900,099	253,000	253,000					
	c	Annual Meetings	900,099	34,025	34,025					
	d	Computer Work	541,900	3,693		3,693				
	e									
	f	All other program service revenue								
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		883,843						
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		39,422	39,422					
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .								
	5	Royalties								
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal						
	b	Less rental expenses								
	c	Rental income or (loss)								
	d	Net rental income or (loss)								
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other						
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses								
	c	Gain or (loss)								
	d	Net gain or (loss)								
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a							
			b	Less direct expenses					b	
			c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a							
			b	Less direct expenses					b	
			c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . .	a								
		b	Less cost of goods sold . . .					b		
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code								
11a	Other support	900,099	375	375						
b										
c										
d	All other revenue									
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		375							
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			2,119,219	919,947	0	3,693			

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	375,000	356,250	18,750	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	469,563	446,085	23,478	
7	Other salaries and wages				
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	81,763	77,675	4,088	
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes	55,318	52,552	2,766	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	28,215	26,804	1,411	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	29,310	27,845	1,465	
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel	42,471	40,347	2,124	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	129,314	122,849	6,465	
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	32,116	30,510	1,606	
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	consultants	263,665	250,482	13,183	
b	Bad Debts	145,963	138,667	7,296	
c	insurance	88,134	83,727	4,407	
d	printing & publication	45,787	43,498	2,289	
e	awards	45,151	42,893	2,258	
f	All other expenses	86,959	82,610	4,349	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,918,729	1,822,794	95,935	0
26	Joint Costs. Check here ☒ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			1,141,628	1	1,535,835
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			545,147	3	331,904
	4	Accounts receivable, net			176,051	4	173,136
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				9	5,000
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis	10a	865,060			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>	10b	299,160	585,550	10c	565,900
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	5,553
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			0	15	1,000
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			2,448,376	16	2,618,328
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			23,972	17	15,453
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable				24	
	25	Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>			22,249	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			46,221	26	15,453
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			2,402,155	27	2,602,875
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets				28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			2,402,155	33	2,602,875
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			2,448,376	34	2,618,328

Part XI

Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a	No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes
c	If "Yes" to 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?	2c	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?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b	

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.

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2008

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization FLORIDA TAXWATCH RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC	Employer identification number 59-1918055
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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 a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally Integrated d ☐ Type III - Other
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 ")						
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						
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)						
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						

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						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, 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)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
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	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	
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 IIISupport 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 ")	1,242,112	1,541,156	2,015,934	1,228,677	1,195,579	7,223,458
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	568,746	415,474	880,226	873,447	884,218	3,622,111
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	1,810,858	1,956,630	2,896,160	2,102,124	2,079,797	10,845,569
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)						10,845,569

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	1,810,858	1,956,630	2,896,160	2,102,124	2,079,797	10,845,569
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,056	1,418	20,333	16,626	39,651	79,084
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	1,056	1,418	20,333	16,626	39,651	79,084
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)						10,924,653
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	99 280 %
16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27g	16	99 710 %

Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 720 %
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27h	18	0 290 %
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 and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

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Name of the organization
FLORIDA TAXWATCH RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC

Employer identification number
59-1918055

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of certified historic structure☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing easements during the year ▶

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization’s financial statements that describes the organization’s accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

Part III

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

3

Using the organization's 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 XIV

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

Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 why in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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	Investment earnings or 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 year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

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

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

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

b

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

4

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

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		100,000		100,000
b Buildings		522,953	117,134	405,819
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		242,107	182,026	60,081
e Other				0
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				565,900

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ▶		

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

Schedule D (Form 990) 2008

Part XI

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,119,219
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,918,729
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	200,490
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	229
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	229
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	200,719

Part XII

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	2,119,448
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	229
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	229
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,119,219
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 XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	2,119,219

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,918,729
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	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,918,729
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 XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,918,729

Part XIV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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FLORIDA TAXWATCH RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC

Employer identification number
59-1918055

Part I		Questions Regarding Compensation	
		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
	☐ First class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all 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 officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	Yes	
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply		
	☐ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a		
a	Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?		No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-8.		
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a	The organization?		No
b	Any related organization?		No
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6	For persons listed in 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?		No
b	Any related organization?		No
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in 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) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
Dominic M Calabro	(i)	210,512	50,000	45,144			305,656	194,871
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
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	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

Name of the organization

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		The form 990 is prepared by an independent CPA firm and is reviewed by the organizations President & CEO before being submitted to the IRS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		The organization's conflict of interest policy is encompassed in the Bylaws, which are monitored, amended, and approved by the Board of Directors

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		A compensation Committee, composed of members of the executive committee annually make a recommendation for the President & CEO's salary for approval by the Executive Committee. The full Board of Trustees approves the proposed budget at the annual meeting.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		The organization's financial statements, governing documents, and conflict of interest policy are available upon request.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule B	Schedule B is not for public use	Schedule B is not for public use

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
consultants	263,665	250,482	13,183	
Bad Debts	145,963	138,667	7,296	
insurance	88,134	83,727	4,407	
printing & publication	45,787	43,498	2,289	
awards	45,151	42,893	2,258	