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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)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 221 N.W. SECOND AVENUE 203 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 PORTLAND, OR 97209	D Employer identification number 42-1606106 E Telephone number (503) 542-4325 G Gross receipts \$ 2,566,294. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
F Name and address of principal officer SUE HILDICK SAME AS C ABOVE		I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
J Website: ▶ WWW.BETTEROREGON.ORG		K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
		L Year of formation: 2003 M State of legal domicile: OR	

Part I Summary

	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>		
Activities & Governance	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	14
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	14
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	8
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	650
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,092,255.	2,558,005.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	57,974.	8,289.
	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)	2,150,229.	2,566,294.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,038,940.	690,016.
	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)	423,102.	386,528.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	11,162.	6,009.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 77,887.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	1,201,504.	1,010,463.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,674,708.	2,093,016.
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-524,479.	473,278.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,791,496.	3,214,114.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	133,831.	83,160.
		2,657,665.	3,130,954.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here ▶ *Sue Hildick* Signature of officer Date **5/11/10**

▶ **SUE HILDICK, PRESIDENT** Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ <i>Gary McGee</i> Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 GARY MCGEE & CO. 808 S.W. THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 700 PORTLAND, OR 97204	Date 5/6/10	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) EIN ▶ Phone no. ▶ (503) 222-2515
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON IS TO PERMIT PARTICIPATING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS TO COLLABORATE ON PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF OREGON, INITIALLY INCLUDING A PROJECT TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY,

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 [X] 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 [X] 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. SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION(S)

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,878,531. including grants of \$ 690,016.) (Revenue \$) THE ORGANIZATION HAS ONE GOAL: TO MAKE OREGON'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AMONG THE TOP TEN IN THE NATION BASED ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND THE ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ITS EFFORTS IN 2009 ON STRENGTHENING EFFECTIVE TEACHING BECAUSE RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE TEACHER HAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM. ALTHOUGH THE ORGANIZATION WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE STABLE AND ADEQUATE FUNDING SCHOOLS NEED TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL, TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS.

THROUGH RESEARCH AND THOUGHT LEADERSHIP ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO HELP CREATE A MORE INFORMED AND ENGAGED PUBLIC WHO UNDERSTANDS AND ADDRESSES THE TOUGH CHOICES AND TRADE-OFFS

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses \$ 1,878,531.

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	N/A	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	X	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> • Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> • Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> • Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> • Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> 		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i>	X	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties, (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
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>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a	24	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a	8	
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)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
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)?		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 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?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
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?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			
		N/A	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
		N/A	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
		N/A	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
		N/A	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
		N/A	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	X	
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?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	a The governing body?	X	
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	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?		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, 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?		X
16b	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?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **OR**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization **SUE HILDICK - (503) 542-4325**
221 NW SECOND AVENUE, SUITE 203, PORTLAND, OR 97209

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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. 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. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 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, and 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 current officer, director, or trustee.

(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 trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
CYNTHIA ADDAMS DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
BILL EARLY DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
JERRY HUDSON DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
BOB KINGZETT DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CHARLES PUTNEY DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
NORM SMITH DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DOUG STAMM DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CHARLIE WALKER DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ORCILIA ZUNIGA FORBES CHAIR	4.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
DUNCAN CAMPBELL VICE CHAIR	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
ROD WENDT VICE CHAIR	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
RON PARKER TREASURER	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
TRUMAN COLLINS SECRETARY	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
GREG CHAILLE ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREA	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
SUE HILDICK PRESIDENT	40.00			X				129,827.	0.	14,842.

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	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,558,005.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		2558005.				
Program Service Revenue				Business Code				
	2 a							
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f							
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			8,289.		8,289.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		Gross Rents						
		b Less: rental expenses						
		c Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a			(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory						
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses						
		c Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a	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								
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		a					
	b Less: direct expenses		b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a	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					
11 a								
	b							
	c							
	d All other revenue							
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12	Total revenue. See instructions.			2566294.	0.	0.	8,289.	

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	690,016.	690,016.		
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	144,669.	116,712.	25,720.	2,237.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	196,247.	158,322.	34,891.	3,034.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	5,861.	4,728.	1,042.	91.
9 Other employee benefits	11,895.	9,596.	2,115.	184.
10 Payroll taxes	27,856.	22,473.	4,952.	431.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	3,398.	2,811.	540.	47.
c Accounting	12,566.		12,566.	
d Lobbying	160,275.	160,275.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	6,009.			6,009.
f Investment management fees				
g Other	681,658.	586,312.	31,514.	63,832.
12 Advertising and promotion	1,273.	1,273.		
13 Office expenses	26,245.	21,615.	4,260.	370.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	29,837.	23,900.	5,462.	475.
17 Travel	31,224.	27,214.	3,689.	321.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	22,619.	19,478.	2,890.	251.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	23,482.	18,628.	4,466.	388.
23 Insurance	3,591.	2,872.	661.	58.
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 OTHER	7,818.	7,134.	629.	55.
b STAFF DEVELOPMENT	6,477.	5,172.	1,201.	104.
c				
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	2,093,016.	1,878,531.	136,598.	77,887.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	68,580.	1	234,609.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	427,896.	2	733,655.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,290,000.	3	1,646,000.
	4	Accounts receivable, net	670.	4	3,670.
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	3,117.	9	6,342.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	115,053.		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	38,761.		
	10c		90,228.	10c	76,292.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities	905,403.	11	507,944.
	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	5,602.	15	5,602.	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,791,496.	16	3,214,114.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	133,831.	17	83,160.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	133,831.	26	83,160.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	446,232.	27	790,386.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	2,211,433.	28	2,340,568.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	2,657,665.	33	3,130,954.	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,791,496.	34	3,214,114.	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

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?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form 990 (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Inspection

Name of the organization FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON	Employer identification number 42-1606106
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An 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).
- 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 supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entry of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	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									

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,528,995.	1,563,858.	4,350,305.	2,092,255.	2,558,005.	12,093,418.
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 lines 1 through 3	1,528,995.	1,563,858.	4,350,305.	2,092,255.	2,558,005.	12,093,418.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						8,031,518.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						4,061,900.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,528,995.	1,563,858.	4,350,305.	2,092,255.	2,558,005.	12,093,418.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	5,010.	10,201.	59,799.	57,974.	8,289.	141,273.
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.)		57.	121.			178.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						12,234,869.
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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	33.20 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	31.54 %

16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. 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% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. 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 - 2008. 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 a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included 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.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** 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 explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

OTHER REVENUE

PART II, SECTION B, LINE 17A, FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TEST:

FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON RECEIVES SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON SATISFIED THE "10% OF SUPPORT" REQUIREMENT ON AN AGGREGATE BASIS OVER THE FIVE-YEAR COMPUTATION PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 THROUGH SUPPORT FROM A BROAD AND REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF PERSONS. IT DOES NOT GENERALLY RECEIVE ALL OF ITS SUPPORT FROM A SINGLE SOURCE.

FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED SO AS TO ATTRACT NEW AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SUPPORT ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS. IN SO DOING, FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON MAINTAINS A CONTINUOUS AND BONA FIDE PROGRAM FOR SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND CARRIES ON ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS TO ATTRACT SUPPORT FROM OTHER 509(A)(1) CHARITIES.

FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON HAS A GOVERNING BODY THAT REPRESENTS THE BROAD INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC, RATHER THAN THE PERSONAL AND PRIVATE INTEREST OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF DONORS.

FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON PROVIDES SERVICES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON A CONTINUING BASIS, AND MAINTAINS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS CHARITABLE WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations. Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization **FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON** Employer identification number **42-1606106**

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
 B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		8,835.													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		189,307.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		198,142.													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,816,987.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		2,015,129.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		250,756.													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		62,689.													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<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 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	232,810.	245,793.	280,266.	250,756.	1,009,625.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,514,438.
c Total lobbying expenditures	23,802.	158,469.	152,548.	198,142.	532,961.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	58,203.	61,448.	70,067.	62,689.	252,407.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					378,611.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	2,000.	1,188.		8,835.	12,023.

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

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

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
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 Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes."

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Schedule D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax 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 tax year ▶ _____

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part 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 acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part 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 Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if 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 the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? 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 Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |
- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the 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 |
|---|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 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) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		21,449.	11,596.	9,853.
e Other		93,604.	27,165.	66,439.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				76,292.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements		
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,566,294.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,093,016.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	473,278.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	11.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	11.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	473,289.

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return		
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	2,566,305.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	11.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	11.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	2,566,294.
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	2,566,294.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return		
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	2,093,016.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:	
a	Donated services and use of facilities	
b	Prior year adjustments	
c	Other losses	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	2,093,016.
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	2,093,016.

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, line 2, Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

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

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
BEND-LA PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 520 NW WALL ST. BEND, OR 97701	93-6000393	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	28,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 471 NE OCHOCO PLAZA DR. PRINEVILLE, OR 97754	93-6000375	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	9,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
FOREST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 1728 MAIN STREET FOREST GROVE, OR 97116	93-0566292	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	90,000.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
HIGH DESERT ESD 145 SE SALMON AVE., STE A REDMOND, OR 97756	93-6002511	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	9,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT 485 S 5TH ST. LEBANON, OR 97355	93-1175526	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	28,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
LIBRARIES OF EASTERN OREGON P.O. BOX 11 MORO, OR 97039	93-1280400	501(C)(3)	5,100.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3 Enter total number of other organizations

▶ **13.**
▶ **0.**

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Schedule I (Form 990) 2009

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Part I Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
OREGON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT P.O. BOX 2110 OREGON CITY, OR 97045	93-6000264	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	28,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
REDMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT 145 SE SALMON AVE., STE A REDMOND, OR 97756	93-6000392	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	28,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
SALEM KEIZER SCHOOL DISTRICT P.O. BOX 12024 SALEM, OR 97309	93-6000763	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	14,250.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 23295 SW MAIN ST. SHERWOOD, OR 97140	93-0573246	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	240,000.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
SISTERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 525 E CASCADE AVE. SISTERS, OR 97759	93-6000398	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	14,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
TILLAMOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 6825 OFFICERS' ROW TILLAMOOK, OR 97141	93-6000912	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	186,666.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING
VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 475 BRIDGE ST. VERNONIA, OR 97064	93-6000336	OR PUBLIC SCHOOL	6,500.	0.			CREATIVE LEADERSHIP ACHIEVES STUDENT SUCCESS (CLASS) PROJECT GRANT FUNDING

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON OPERATES THE CHALKBOARD PROJECT, A
COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AMONG SIX INDEPENDENT OREGON FOUNDATIONS - THE
COLLINS FOUNDATION, THE FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION, THE JELD-WEN
FOUNDATION, THE MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST, THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,
AND THE JAMES F. AND MARION L. MILLER FOUNDATION - TO UNITE OREGONIANS
TO MAKE THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AMONG THE BEST IN THE NATION. THE
CHALKBOARD PROJECT HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY OREGONIANS (PARENTS, VOTERS,
NEIGHBORS, MOTHERS, GRANDFATHERS) WHO BELIEVE THAT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENT DESERVES A QUALITY EDUCATION THAT WILL LEAD TO SUCCESS IN
COLLEGE, IN THE WORKPLACE, AND IN LIFE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

ACCOUNTABILITY, AND STABLE FUNDING OF OREGON'S PUBLIC PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM BY BRINGING TOGETHER AND FOCUSING THE
EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES OF THE STATE AND REGIONAL CHARITABLE
ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO THIS COMMON GOAL.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

REQUIRED TO BUILD STRONG SCHOOLS. THROUGH THE PILOT PROJECT CLASS, THE
ORGANIZATION HOPES TO DEMONSTRATE PROMISING PRACTICES THAT COULD BE
TURNED INTO STATEWIDE PUBLIC POLICY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: EACH OF THE SIX COLLABORATING

FOUNDATIONS APPOINTS ONE, TWO OR THREE DIRECTORS TO THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A

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BETTER OREGON BOARD. THOSE APPOINTEES MAY BE RELATED TO EACH OTHER BY
THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR BOARD ROLE AT THE COLLABORATING FOUNDATION.
ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH
ANOTHER DIRECTOR:

ORCILIA ZUNIGA FORBES HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH DOUG STAMM.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH GREG CHAILLE.

ROD WENDT HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH BILL EARLY AND BOB KINGZETT.

TRUMAN COLLINS HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH JERRY HUDSON AND CYNTHIA
ADDAMS.

RON PARKER HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH NORM SMITH.

CHARLES PUTNEY HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHARLIE WALKER.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS GIVEN A
COPY OF THE FORM 990, FOR THEIR REVIEW, PRIOR TO FILING BY THE
ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: ANNUALLY, EACH DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL
OFFICER AND MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE WITH GOVERNING BOARD DELEGATED POWERS
SHALL SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS SUCH PERSON HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY, READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY, AND AGREED
TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE ORGANIZATION'S TOP MANAGEMENT
OFFICIAL IS THE PRESIDENT. WHEN THAT POSITION WAS CREATED IN 2004, THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWED SIMILAR POSITIONS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO

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DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION LEVEL. THEY ALSO USED INDEPENDENT
NON-PROFIT SURVEYS THAT HAD BEEN PERFORMED IN THE REGION. THE BOARD
APPROVED THE SALARY AT THAT TIME AND NEGOTIATED A COMPENSATION CONTRACT
WITH THE PRESIDENT. EACH YEAR THE BOARD ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO COMPLETE A
SELF-ASSESSMENT CONSIDERING HOW SHE PERFORMED AGAINST PRE-SET GOALS. THE
SELF-ASSESSMENT AND THE BOARDS PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IS THE BASIS OF THE
PERFORMANCE REVIEW. BASED ON THOSE REVIEWS, THEY HAVE EXTENDED THE
CONTRACT EACH YEAR. DURING THE REVIEW, A COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT IS
CONSIDERED.

COMPENSATION LEVELS OF OTHER STAFF WERE ORIGINALLY SET BASED ON LEVELS FOR
SIMILAR POSITIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING
ONGOING INFORMAL AND REGULAR FORMAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS. EACH YEAR THE
EMPLOYEES ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE A SELF-ASSESSMENT COMPARING ACTUAL
PERFORMANCE AGAINST PRE-SET GOALS. THE SELF-ASSESSMENTS ARE USED DURING
THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS. SALARY INCREASES MAY BE CONSIDERED AFTER
THE ANNUAL REVIEWS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF
INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC
UPON REQUEST.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER OREGON	Employer identification number 42-1606106
File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 221 N.W. SECOND AVENUE, NO. 203	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions PORTLAND, OR 97209	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

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- The books are in the care of ▶ **221 NW SECOND AVENUE, SUITE 203 - PORTLAND, OR 97209**
 Telephone No. ▶ **(503) 542-4325** FAX No. ▶ _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box ▶ . If it is for part of the group, check this box ▶ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **AUGUST 16, 2010**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year **2009** or
 ▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	N/A

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions