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

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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

B Check if applicable: ⊘ Address change ⊘ Name change ⊘ Initial return ⊘ Terminated ⊘ Amended return ⊘ Application pending

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

C Name of organization: FAIRVOTE

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 6930 CARROLL AVE, SUITE 610

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912

D Employer identification number: 54-1635649

E Telephone number: 301 270 4616

G Gross receipts $ 446412.

F Name and address of principal officer: ROBERT RICHIE
SAME AS C ABOVE

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ⊘ Yes ⊘X 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 ⊘X 501(c) (3) ⊘ (insert no) ⊘ 4947(a)(1) or ⊘ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.FAIRVOTE.ORG

K Form of organization: ⊘X Corporation ⊘ Trust ⊘ Association ⊘ Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1992 **M** State of legal domicile: MD

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities		SEE ATTACHMENT 1
2	Check this box ▶ ⊘ 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	10
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	0
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	12
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	30
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.

			Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1011852.	446412.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1944.	
	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)	1013796.	446412.
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)	429243.	344105.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	8880.	
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 30353.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	450404.	225660.
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	888527.	569765.
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	125269.	-123353.

			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	198207.	84121.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	51701.	60968.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	146506.	23153.

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Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here ▶ Signature of officer — Date 11/15/10

▶ ROBERT RICHIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ Date 11/15/10 Check if self-employed ▶ ⊘ Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ BADGER, SUMRALL & CO., PC
302 MAPLE AVENUE WEST, STE 6
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180

EIN ▶

Phone no. ▶ 703-938-7088

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

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Part III | Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission
SEE ATTACHMENT 1

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 $ 106216. including grants of $) (Revenue $)
PROGRAM FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SEE ATTACHMENT 1

4b (Code) (Expenses $ 116982. including grants of $) (Revenue $)
RIGHT TO VOTE INITIATIVE SEE ATTACHMENT 1

4c (Code:) (Expenses $ 178389. including grants of $) (Revenue $)
INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING AMERICA SEE ATTACHMENT 1

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses $ 90785. including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4e **Total program service expenses ▶ $** 492372.

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*	1	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	X	
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*	3		X
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I*	6		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? *If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable*	11	X	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI*			
	• 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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*			
	• 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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*			
	• 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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*			
	• 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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*			
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.*	12		X
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional* — 12A Yes: ; No: X			
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I*	14b		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II*	15		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III*	16		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I*	17		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		X
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23		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? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No", go to line 25*	24a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
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*	25a		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		X
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29	X	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1*	34	X	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35		X
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	X	

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	12 0			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0 [illegible] 0			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c		
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	12			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?			2b		X
	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to *e-file* this return (see instructions)					
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?			3a		X
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		X
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		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b		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?			5c		
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?			6a		X
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 receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a		X
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		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?			7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f		
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?			7h		
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?			8		
9	**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** *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	1a 10		
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b 0		
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	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?	3		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a	The governing body?	8a	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	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*	9		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?	10a		X
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?	10b		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	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*	12a		X
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b		
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		
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14		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?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b		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?	16a		X
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 ▶ NONE

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

Ø Own website Ø Another's website ØX 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: ▶

THE ORGANIZATION - 301 270 4616

6930 CARROLL AVE, SUITE 610, TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912

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

Ø 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: Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
HENDRIK HERTZBERG BOARD MEMBER		X						0.	0.	0.
MALIA LAZU BOARD MEMBER		X						0.	0.	0.
KEN RITCHIE BOARD MEMBER		X						0.	0.	0.
DAVID WILNER BOARD MEMBER		X						0.	0.	0.
PETE MARTINEAU BOARD MEMBER		X						0.	0.	0.
KIRST NOVOSELIC CHAIR				X				0.	0.	0.
EDWARDS HAILES VICE CHAIR				X				0.	0.	0.
CYNTHIA TERRELL SECRETARY	10.00			X				6333.	0.	0.
WILLIAM REDPATH TREASURER				X				0.	0.	0.

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): Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
1b Total ▶								6333.	0.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 0

		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	3		X
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	4		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	5		X

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. NONE

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

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) 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						
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 446412.				
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $					
h	**Total.** Add lines 1a-1f ▶		446412.			
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) ▶					
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
5	Royalties ▶					
		(i) Real / (ii) Personal				
6 a	Gross Rents					
b	Less: rental expenses					
c	Rental income or (loss)					
d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
7 a	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) ▶					
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 ▶		446412.	0.	0.	0.

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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	65166.	52774.	2317.	10075.
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	232453.	196574.	20837.	15042.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	6267.	4079.	1761.	427.
9 Other employee benefits	16193.	13655.	1276.	1262.
10 Payroll taxes	24026.	19379.	2659.	1988.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	9645.		9645.	
d Lobbying	16500.	16500.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	85173.	84948.	113.	112.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	7205.	5946.	1259.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	55671.	50892.	4779.	
17 Travel	9802.	8940.	433.	429.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	7554.	6581.	489.	484.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3261.	2854.	232.	175.
23 Insurance	2130.	2130.		
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 TELEPHONE	14164.	13234.	930.	0.
b PRINTING AND PUBLICATIO	6589.	5957.	273.	359.
c INTERNS	3432.	3432.		
d POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	1869.	1864.	5.	0.
e BANK FEES	1023.	991.	32.	0.
f All other expenses	1642.	1642.		
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24f	569765.	492372.	47040.	30353.
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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	81055.	1	402.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	98496.	3	73065.
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	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		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a: 12107.			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation — 10b: 5089.	5987.	10c	7018.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	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	12669.	15	3636.
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	198207.	16	84121.
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	20390.	17	4446.
	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	29900.
	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	31311.	25	26622.
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25	51701.	26	60968.
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ∅X and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.**			
	27	Unrestricted net assets	17366.	27	23153.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	129140.	28	0.
	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	146506.	33	23153.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	198207.	34	84121.

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Part XI | Financial Statements and Reporting

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ⊘ Cash ⊘X 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?	2a		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b		X
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	2c		
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?	3a		X
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.	3b		

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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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Name of the organization	Employer identification number
FAIRVOTE	54-1635649

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 ∅X 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?

		Yes	No
(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?	11g(i)		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(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? Yes	No	(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support? Yes	No	(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.? Yes	No	(vii) Amount of support
Total									

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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.")						
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						
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)						
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						

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						
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 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 | %

15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | %

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")	439372.	638302.	772354.	1011852.	448555.	3310435.
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	439372.	638302.	772354.	1011852.	448555.	3310435.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0.
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						0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b						0.
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						3310435.

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	439372.	638302.	772354.	1011852.	448555.	3310435.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources			525.	1944.		2469.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b			525.	1944.		2469.
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)	-15.					-15.
13 **Total support** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	439357.	638302.	772879.	1013796.	448555.	3312889.

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** ▶☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.93 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.47 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.07 %
18 Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.53 %

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 ▶☒X

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 ▶☐

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

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

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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	Employer identification number
FAIRVOTE	54-1635649

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-.

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)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		38045.
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		38045.
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		531720.
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		569765.
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		110465.

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.

	(a)	(b)
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		27616.
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? ∅ Yes ∅ 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	116614.	127795.	158729.		403138.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					604707.
c Total lobbying expenditures	89728.	37508.	166085.		293321.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	29154.	31949.			61103.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					91655.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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) Yes	(a) No	(b) 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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Employer identification number: 54-1635649

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 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? ⊘ 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)
- ⊘ Protection of natural habitat
- ⊘ Preservation of open space
- ⊘ Preservation of an historically important land area
- ⊘ Preservation of a certified historic structure

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	2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d	

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				
e Other		12107.	5089.	7018.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				7018.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

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

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
Federal income taxes	
DEFERRED COMPENSATION	19170.
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	7452.
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	26622.

2. FIN 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

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)	1	446412.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	569765.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-123353.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
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 through 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-123353.

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	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a			
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	
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**:				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)*			5	

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a			
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line **1**:				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines **3** and **4c.** *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)*			5	

Part 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 L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1 (a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected? Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ $

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ $

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization? To	From	(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default? Yes	No	(f) Approved by board or committee? Yes	No	(g) Written agreement? Yes	No
ROBERT RICHIE - S	X		29900.	29900.		X	X		X	
Total			▶ $	29900.						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues? Yes	No

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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR SCHEDULE L CONTINUATIONS

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SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

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Noncash Contributions

▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Types of Property

		(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1	Art - Works of art				
2	Art - Historical treasures				
3	Art - Fractional interests				
4	Books and publications				
5	Clothing and household goods				
6	Cars and other vehicles				
7	Boats and planes				
8	Intellectual property				
9	Securities - Publicly traded	X	1	37028.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10	Securities - Closely held stock				
11	Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12	Securities - Miscellaneous				
13	Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14	Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15	Real estate - Residential				
16	Real estate - Commercial				
17	Real estate - Other				
18	Collectibles				
19	Food inventory				
20	Drugs and medical supplies				
21	Taxidermy				
22	Historical artifacts				
23	Scientific specimens				
24	Archeological artifacts				
25	Other ▶ ( )				
26	Other ▶ ( )				
27	Other ▶ ( )				
28	Other ▶ ( )				

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

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

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION REFORM

EXPENSES $ 84634. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 0. REVENUE $ 0.

ELECTION SERVICES

EXPENSES $ 2487. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 0. REVENUE $ 0.

VOTING AND DEMOCRATIC RESEARCH CTR

EXPENSES $ 2475. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 0. REVENUE $ 0.

DEMOCRACY USA

EXPENSES $ 1189. INCLUDING GRANTS OF $ 0. REVENUE $ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: THE SPOUSE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS A BOARD MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: MANAGEMENT WAS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE RETURN FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE TAXING AUTHORITIES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST OR AT THE ORGANIZATION'S HEADQUARTERS IN TAKOMA PARK, MD.

SCHEDULE L, PART II, LOANS TO AND FROM INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: ROBERT RICHIE

(A) PURPOSE OF LOAN: SHORT-TERM CASH NEEDS

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

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(B) LOAN TO OR FROM ORGANIZATION? = TO

(C) ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT $ 29900. (D) BALANCE DUE $ 29900.

(E) LOAN IN DEFAULT? = NO

(F) APPROVED BY BOARD OR COMMITTEE? = YES

(G) WRITTEN AGREEMENT? = YES

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I **Identification of Disregarded Entities** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II **Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity
FAIRVOTE ACTION FUND - 38-3650370 6930 CARROLL AVE. SUITE 610 TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912	EDUCATION OF GENERAL POPULACE REGARDING ELECTION REFORM.	MARYLAND	501(C)(4)		

Part III **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations? Yes	(h) No	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes	(j) No

Part IV **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(d) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule		Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?			
a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a		X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)	1b		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	1c		X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)	1d		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)	1e		X
f Sale of assets to other organization(s)	1f		X
g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)	1g		X
h Exchange of assets	1h		X
i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)	1i		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)	1j		X
k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)	1k		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)	1l		X
m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets	1m	X	
n Sharing of paid employees	1n		X
o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses	1o		X
p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	1p		X
q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)	1q		X
r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)	1r		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(a) Name of other organization(s)	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 37)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations? Yes	(d) No	(e) Share of end-of-year assets	(f) Disproportionate allocations? Yes	(f) No	(g) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(h) General or managing partner? Yes	(h) No

Form **4720**

Department of the Treasury
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Return of Certain Excise Taxes Under Chapters 41 and 42 of the Internal Revenue Code

(Sections 170(f)(10), 664(c)(2), 4911, 4912, 4941, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4955, 4958, 4965, 4966, and 4967)
▶ See separate instructions.

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For calendar year 2009 or other tax year beginning , 2009, and ending ,

Name of organization or entity: FAIRVOTE

Employer identification number: 54-1635649

Number, street, and room or suite no (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 6930 CARROLL AVE, SUITE 610

City or town, state, and ZIP code: TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912

Check box for type of annual return: X Form 990 ∅ Form 990-EZ ∅ Form 990-PF ∅ Form 5227

		Yes	No
A	Is the organization a foreign private foundation within the meaning of section 4948(b)?		X
B	Has corrective action been taken on any taxable event that resulted in Chapter 42 taxes being reported on this form? (Enter "N/A" if not applicable)	N/A	

If "Yes," attach a detailed description and documentation of the corrective action taken and, if applicable, enter the fair market value of any property recovered as a result of the correction ▶ $. If "No," (i.e., any uncorrected acts, or transactions), attach an explanation (see page 4 of the instructions)

Part I Taxes on Organization (Sections 170(f)(10), 664(c)(2), 4911(a), 4912(a), 4942(a), 4943(a), 4944(a)(1), 4945(a)(1), 4955(a)(1), 4965(a)(1), and 4966(a)(1))

1	Tax on undistributed income - Schedule B, line 4	1	
2	Tax on excess business holdings - Schedule C, line 7	2	
3	Tax on investments that jeopardize charitable purpose - Schedule D, Part I, column (e)	3	
4	Tax on taxable expenditures - Schedule E, Part I, column (g)	4	
5	Tax on political expenditures - Schedule F, Part I, column (e)	5	
6	Tax on excess lobbying expenditures - Schedule G, line 4	6	
7	Tax on disqualifying lobbying expenditures - Schedule H, Part I, column (e)	7	
8	Tax on premiums paid on personal benefit contracts	8	
9	Tax on being a party to prohibited tax shelter transactions - Schedule J, Part I, column (h)	9	
10	Tax on taxable distributions - Schedule K, Part I, column (f)	10	
11	Tax on charitable remainder trust's unrelated business taxable income. Attach schedule	11	
12	**Total** (add lines 1 - 11)	12	

Part II-A Taxes on Managers, Self-Dealers, Disqualified Persons, Donors, Donor Advisors, and Related Persons

(Sections 4912(b), 4941(a), 4944(a)(2), 4945(a)(2), 4955(a)(2), 4958(a), 4965(a)(2), 4966(a)(2), and 4967(a))

	(a) Name and address of person subject to tax	(b) Taxpayer identification number
a		
b		
c		
d		

	(c) Tax on self-dealing - Schedule A, Part II, col. (d), and Part III, col. (d)	(d) Tax on investments that jeopardize charitable purpose - Schedule D, Part II, col (d)	(e) Tax on taxable expenditures - Schedule E, Part II, col. (d)	(f) Tax on political expenditures - Schedule F, Part II, col. (d)
a				
b				
c				
d				
Total				

	(g) Tax on disqualifying lobbying expenditures - Sch H, Part II, col. (d)	(h) Tax on excess benefit transactions - Sch I, Part II, col. (d), and Part III, col. (d)	(i) Tax on being a party to prohibited tax shelter transactions - Schedule J, Part II, col. (d)	(j) Tax on taxable distributions - Schedule K, Part II, col. (d)
a				
b				
c				
d				
Total				

	(k) Tax on prohibited benefits - Sch L, Part II, col. (d) and Part III, col. (d)	(l) Total - Add cols. (c) through (k)
a		
b		
c		
d		
Total		

Part II-B **Summary of Taxes** (See **Tax Payments** on page 3 of the instructions.)

1 Enter the taxes listed in Part II-A, column (l), that apply to managers, self-dealers, disqualified persons, donors, donor advisors, and related persons who sign this form. If all sign, enter the total amount from Part II-A, column (l)	1	
2 **Total tax.** Add Part I, line 12, and Part II-B, line 1. (Make check(s) or money order(s) payable to the United States Treasury)	2	

SCHEDULE A - Initial Taxes on Self-Dealing (Section 4941)

Part I **Acts of Self-Dealing and Tax Computation**

(a) Act number	(b) Date of act	(c) Description of act
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

(d) Question number from Form 990-PF, Part VII-B, or Form 5227, Part VI-B, applicable to the act	(e) Amount involved in act	(f) Initial tax on self-dealing (10% of col. (e))	(g) Tax on foundation managers (if applicable) (lesser of $20,000 or 5% of col (e))

Part II **Summary of Tax Liability of Self-Dealers and Proration of Payments**

(a) Names of self-dealers liable for tax	(b) Act no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f), or prorated amount	(d) Self-dealer's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see page 6 of the instructions)

Part III **Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments**

(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Act no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (g), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see page 6 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE B - Initial Tax on Undistributed Income (Section 4942)

1 Undistributed income for years before 2008 (from Form 990-PF for 2009, Part XIII, line 6d)	1	
2 Undistributed income for 2008 (from Form 990-PF for 2009, Part XIII, line 6e)	2	
3 Total undistributed income at end of current tax year beginning in 2009 and subject to tax under section 4942 (add lines 1 and 2)	3	
4 **Tax** - Enter 30% of line 3 here and on page 1, Part I, line 1	4	

SCHEDULE C - Initial Tax on Excess Business Holdings (Section 4943)

Business Holdings and Computation of Tax

If you have taxable excess holdings in more than one business enterprise, attach a separate schedule for each enterprise. Refer to the instructions on page 7 for each line item before making any entries

Name and address of business enterprise

Employer identification number ▶

Form of enterprise (corporation, partnership, trust, joint venture, sole proprietorship, etc.) ▶

		(a) Voting stock (profits interest or beneficial interest)	(b) Value	(c) Nonvoting stock (capital interest)
1 Foundation holdings in business enterprise	1			
2 Permitted holdings in business enterprise	2			
3 Value of excess holdings in business enterprise	3			
4 Value of excess holdings disposed of within 90 days; or, other value of excess holdings not subject to section 4943 tax (attach explanation)	4			
5 Taxable excess holdings in business enterprise - line 3 minus line 4	5			
6 Tax - Enter 10% of line 5	6			
7 **Total tax** - Add amounts on line 6, columns (a), (b), and (c); enter total here and on page 1, Part I, line 2	7			

SCHEDULE D - Initial Taxes on Investments That Jeopardize Charitable Purpose (Section 4944)

Part I Investments and Tax Computation

(a) Investment number	(b) Date of investment	(c) Description of investment	(d) Amount of investment	(e) Initial tax on foundation (10% of col. (d))	(f) Initial tax on foundation managers (if applicable) - (lesser of $10,000 or 10% of col. (d))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Total - column (e). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 3					
Total - column (f). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below					

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments

(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Investment no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see page 10 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE E - Initial Taxes on Taxable Expenditures (Section 4945)

Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax

(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Name and address of recipient	(e) Description of expenditure and purposes for which made
1				
2				
3				
4				
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(f) Question number from Form 990-PF, Part VII-B, or Form 5227, Part VI-B, applicable to the expenditure	(g) Initial tax imposed on foundation (20% of col (b))	(h) Initial tax imposed on foundation managers (if applicable)- (lesser of $10,000 or 5% of col (b))
Total - column (g) Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 4		
Total - column (h). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below		

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments

(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Item no from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (h), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 10 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE F - Initial Taxes on Political Expenditures (Section 4955)

Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax

(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Description of political expenditure	(e) Initial tax imposed on organization or foundation (10% of col (b))	(f) Initial tax imposed on managers (if applicable) (lesser of $5,000 or 2½% of col (b))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Total - column (e). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 5					
Total - column (f). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below					

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Organization Managers or Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments

(a) Names of organization managers or foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Item no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 11 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE G - Tax on Excess Lobbying Expenditures (Section 4911)

1	Excess of grassroots expenditures over grassroots nontaxable amount (from Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II-A, column (b), line 1h). (See page 11 of the instructions before making entry)	1	
2	Excess of lobbying expenditures over lobbying nontaxable amount (from Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II-A, column (b), line 1i). (See page 11 of the instructions before making entry.)	2	
3	Taxable lobbying expenditures - enter the larger of line 1 or line 2	3	
4	**Tax** - Enter 25% of line 3 here and on page 1, Part I, line 6	4	

SCHEDULE H - Taxes on Disqualifying Lobbying Expenditures (Section 4912)

Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax

(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Description of lobbying expenditures	(e) Tax imposed on organization (5% of col. (b))	(f) Tax imposed on organization managers (if applicable) (5% of col (b))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Total - column (e) Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7

Total - column (f) Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Organization Managers and Proration of Payments

(a) Names of organization managers liable for tax	(b) Item no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 11 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE I - Initial Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions (Section 4958)

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions and Tax Computation

(a) Transaction number	(b) Date of transaction	(c) Description of transaction
1		
2		
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(d) Amount of excess benefit	(e) Initial tax on disqualified persons (25% of col. (d))	(f) Tax on organization managers (if applicable) (lesser of $20,000 or 10% of col. (d))

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SCHEDULE I - Initial Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions (Section 4958) *Continued*

Part II **Summary of Tax Liability of Disqualified Persons and Proration of Payments**

(a) Names of disqualified persons liable for tax	(b) Trans no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (e), or prorated amount	(d) Disqualified person's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 13 of the instructions)

Part III **Summary of Tax Liability of 501(c)(3) & (4) Organization Managers and Proration of Payments**

(a) Names of 501(c)(3) & (4) organization managers liable for tax	(b) Trans no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 13 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE J - Taxes on Being a Party to Prohibited Tax Shelter Transactions (Section 4965)

Part I **Prohibited Tax Shelter Transactions (PTST) and Tax Imposed on the Tax-Exempt Entity** (see page 13 of the instructions)

(a) Transaction number	(b) Transaction date	(c) Type of transaction 1 - Listed 2 - Subsequently listed 3 - Confidential 4 - Contractual protection	(d) Description of transaction
1			
2			
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(e) Did the tax-exempt entity know or have reason to know this transaction was a PTST when it became a party to the trans.? Answer **Yes** or **No**	(f) Net income attributable to the PTST	(g) 75% of proceeds attributable to the PTST	(h) Tax imposed on the tax-exempt entity (see page 14 of the instructions)
Total - column (h). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9			

Part II Tax Imposed on Entity Managers (Section 4965) *Continued*

(a) Name of entity manager	(b) Transaction number from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax - enter $20,000 for each transaction listed in col (b) for each manager in col (a)	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c))

SCHEDULE K - Taxes on Taxable Distributions of Sponsoring Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds (Section 4966). See page 14 of the instructions.

Part I Taxable Distributions and Tax Computation

(a) Item number	(b) Name of sponsoring organization and donor advised fund	(c) Description of distribution
1		
2		
3		
4		

(d) Date of distribution	(e) Amount of distribution	(f) Tax imposed on organization (20% of col. (e))	(g) Tax on fund managers (lesser of 5% of col (e) or $10,000)
Total - column (f). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10			
Total - column (g). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below			

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Fund Managers and Proration of Payments

(a) Name of fund managers liable for tax	(b) Item no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (g) or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see instructions)

SCHEDULE L - Taxes on Prohibited Benefits Distributed From Donor Advised Funds (Section 4967)

See page 14 of the instructions.

Part I Prohibited Benefits and Tax Computation

(a) Item number	(b) Date of prohibited benefit	(c) Description of benefit
1		
2		
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4		
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(d) Amount of prohibited benefit	(e) Tax on prohibited benefit (125% of col. (d)) (see instructions)	(f) Tax on fund managers (if applicable) (lesser of 10% of col. (d) or $10,000) (see instructions)

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Donors, Donor Advisors, Related Persons and Proration of Payments

(a) Names of donors, donor advisor, or related persons liable for tax	(b) Item no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (e) or prorated amount	(d) Donor, donor advisor, or related persons total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see instructions)

Part III Tax Liability of Fund Managers and Proration of Payments

(a) Names of fund managers liable for tax	(b) Item no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f) or prorated amount	(d) Fund managers total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see instructions)

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer or trustee	Title	Date
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	

Signature (and organization or entity name if applicable) of manager, self-dealer, disqualified person, donor, donor advisor, or related person — Date

Signature (and organization or entity name if applicable) of manager, self-dealer, disqualified person, donor, donor advisor, or related person — Date

Signature (and organization or entity name if applicable) of manager, self-dealer, disqualified person, donor, donor advisor, or related person — Date

Signature (and organization or entity name if applicable) of manager, self-dealer, disqualified person, donor, donor advisor, or related person — Date

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Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	Preparer's SSN or PTIN
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Form **4562** Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99)

Depreciation and Amortization 990

(Including Information on Listed Property)

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

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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179 **Note:** *If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I*

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	800000.
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost

7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the **smaller** of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ▶	13	

Note: *Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property Instead, use Part V.*

Part II **Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not** include listed property)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	3261.

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

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ▶ ∅		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

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

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year	/		40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV **Summary** (See instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	**Total.** Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr.	22	3261.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

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

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

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

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

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:								
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person.
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2009 tax year					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2009 tax year				43	
44 **Total.** Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report				44	

Mission: To achieve a democracy based on respect for every vote and every voice, FairVote develops and highlights policies designed to increase voter participation, meaningful ballot choices and fair representation. We pursue careful research and innovative analysis, develop effective educational resources, convene timely conferences and regular engage with reformers, thought leaders and the media in seeking to turn new ideas into widely accepted policy options.

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Our program is organized around three major areas of focus, within which several specific projects that we itemize in our financial reporting.

- Fair Access to Participation
  - Project: Right to Vote Initiative
  - Project: Learning Democracy
- Fair Elections
  - Project: Presidential Elections Reform Project
  - Project: Instant Runoff Voting Program
- Fair Representation
  - Project: Program for Representative Government

Within these three areas we engage in research, analysis, communications, public education and advocacy. We also itemize our resources devoted to related, but distinct programs: Voting and Democracy Research, Election Services and the Claim Democracy Initiative.

FairVote's program work in 2009 had a valuable impact on public understanding of several reform proposals that we believe would result in greater respect for every vote and every voice. This review of our program activities is organized within our three areas of focus, and compares our specific goals and projected indicators of success with actual outcomes.

Fair Access to Participation: All Americans should have equal access to voting, grounded in policies that anticipate and encourage participation and a clear constitutional guarantee of the right to vote. We support expanded suffrage rights, universal voter registration and secure, transparent and accountable election administration. Going into 2009, our plans for this area of work included efforts to:

- Conduct research about youth voter pre-registration and circulate it widely to state-based advocates, tapping into existing coalitions of organizations who share an interest in promoting the policy – with indicators of success being number of research products and number of organizations interested in using our research;
- Follow up on our 2008 field research on *Learning Democracy* that tested the efficacy of the program on voter turnout with further development and use of our curriculum;
- Promote a constitutional right to vote in localities by offering advice on introducing resolutions supporting an amendment and local actions in its spirit -- with indicators of

success being developing a model resolution and finding community leaders interested in making use of it;

- Act as a convener for those interested in voting rights and reform, as ultimately done with a significant conference organized with the New America Foundation.

Youth voter pre-registration: Our proposal to boost youth voter registration through establishing an earlier age for registration has drawn increasing interest. In 2006, one state had enacted pre-registration of voters who were 17 or younger. Now eight states have done so, including several states where our staff engaged in on-the-ground public education about the proposal: California, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C. In 2009 we completed significant research and publicity about pre-registration, including producing a lengthy report based on interviews with policymakers in more than a dozen states. We circulated it widely to national and state civic groups who share our interest in youth voter registration and found a high degree of interest in our findings.

Civic learning: We developed lesson plans on civic learning on voting geared for Rhode Island and Washington, D.C., making them available at *www.rhodeislandsuffrage.org and www.fairvote.org/learningdemocracy.* DC Vote and the Marshall-Brennan Program were among those showing great interest in our curricula, with Marshall-Brennan starting to include it in 2009 among their volunteer law students' teaching tools.

Upholding the right to vote: We helped develop materials for cities to consider expressing support for a right to vote in the U.S. Constitution and local actions in its spirit, drafting resolutions and consulting with voting rights experts. Such a resolution was introduced and debated in Chicago in 2009, and we made materials on our website available for other jurisdictions. We also conducted extensive legal research relating to a potential right to vote in the Constitution based on models in state constitutions, working closely with the Advancement Project.

In addition, FairVote worked closely with Washington, D.C. civic leaders as the District passed sweeping election reform. The legislation included a variety of FairVote proposals, including voter pre-registration, Election Day registration and a study of universal voter registration. In addition to providing expert testimony, FairVote advised drafters of the legislation and drew media attention through writings like a *Washington Post* op-ed.

Relating to voting rights, we also were active participants in the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights' voting rights taskforce, with our contributions focusing on modernizing voter registration, public interest voting equipment and youth voter registration. Task members were particularly interested in our report on international voter registration.

Finally, we took the lead role in a June 2009 conference organized with the New America Foundation on the future of voting rights, at which we convened more than 100 professors, civil rights lawyers and voting rights leaders to discuss the Supreme Court's recent ruling on Section Five of the Voting Rights Act and new ideas for implementing Section 2 of the Act. Attendees included the head of the Voting Section of the Department of Justice and several of his key deputies, and speakers included leading scholars such as Nathaniel Persily, Steven Mulroy and Michael McDonald and civic group leaders such as Kristen Clarke (NAACP LDF) and Edward

Hailes (Advancement Project).

Additional work: FairVote had an impact on other areas, including:

- *Voting equipment and the public interest*: The consolidation of the voting equipment industry rightly triggered concerns. FairVote's writing (including for our blog, *Huffington Post* and the *New York Times*) drew attention to ways to move beyond the specifics of the ES&S-Premier merger to consider better approaches to certifying equipment and a "public option" for jurisdictions not wanting to rely on private vendors. Our leadership on this issue was cited in a *New York Times* editorial in August 2009.

- *Elections for U.S. Senate vacancies*: Our earlier research and writing on U.S. Senate vacancies proved prophetic, when the controversy over replacing President Barack Obama in Illinois sparked new attention to problems with having governors appoint vacancies. The editorial boards of *the New York Times* and *Washington Post* used our research in calling for vacancy elections, FairVote analyst David Segal had op-eds in the *Times, Baltimore Sun* and *Hartford Courant*, and Segal testified to Congress. Connecticut and Segal's home state of Rhode Island passed legislation requiring election of Senate vacancies.

Fair Elections: Americans should have elections that accommodate meaningful voter choice, that create incentives for higher voter participation by making every vote equal and that enable voters to hold their elected officials more accountable by upholding majority rule. Going into 2009, our plans for this area of work included efforts to:

- Engage in extensive public education through research, media and new materials about the National Popular Vote plan and myths about the Electoral College – with indicators of success being increased media coverage and civic organization interest;
- Promote fairer presidential nomination processes through the major parties' nomination rules committees – with indicators of success including products that are produced and whether the parties grew interested in taking action;
- Advise and study implementation of instant runoff voting in communities, including 2009 elections in Colorado, Minnesota, Vermont, Virginia and Washington -- with indicators of success including numbers of reports and analyses of these elections and number of community leaders interested in our findings;
- Research the proposal of Top Two primaries, comparing it with instant runoff voting – with indicators of success including issuing a report;
- Create new materials and multi-media presentations about instant runoff voting --with indicators of success being the number and quality of such reports.

Bringing the argument for a national popular vote for president to a wider, more diverse audience: One of our time's most remarkable reform movements is the effort to have states join together in the National Popular Vote plan for president (NPV) to guarantee election of the presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. FairVote has backed this proposal since its inception and was successful in 2009 in communicating the case for change.

FairVote regularly writes commentaries about the NPV proposal, including a lengthy May 2009 piece in a forum on the topic in the *San Diego Union Tribune,* and is a key source for supportive editorial writers at publications like the *New Yorker* and *New York Times*. FairVote director Rob Richie was featured in a news story on Electoral College reform on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, and spoke on the topic on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal.* We wrote articles and analysis based on our widely-cited research how the presidential campaigns in the final weeks of the 2008 campaign were devoting more than 98% of campaign resources and events to 15 states representing barely a third of Americans..

Our discussions with representatives of civic and civil rights contributed to several organizations taking public positions in favor of the proposal, including US PIRG, Public Citizen, the League of Women Voters, Demos, Brennan Center and ACLU. We helped organize and lead a successful event on NPV in November 2009 at the offices of Demos. We also created a new section of our website that answers common questions about presidential elections, the Electoral College and reform proposals and contributed to a new review of myths about the issue that was published on the National Popular Vote website.

Policy suggestions for improving presidential primaries: In 2007-08 FairVote had played a lead role in drawing attention to ways to improve our presidential nomination process. We produced a brochure, created *FixThePrimaries.com*, appeared on NPR and *Democracy Now*, and helped spark a supportive editorial in the *New York Times*. Both major parties at their 2008 conventions established commissions to propose changes for the 2012 elections, with FairVote's initiative contributing to promoting more substantive dialogue between and among a transpartisan group of scholars and party leaders. In 2009 FairVote submitted testimony to both of the major parties' task forces, and some of our central recommendations – such as a delay in the start of nomination contests and reduction in the use of winner-take-all rules in Republican primaries -- were eventually backed by party leaders and are anticipated to be in place in 2012.

Assisting implementation and consideration of instant runoff voting: FairVote is widely recognized as the leading national authority on instant runoff voting (IRV). IRV is a powerful tool for accommodating increased choice in elections that has drawn the support of many civic leaders and major politicians like President Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain. Since 2002 it has been adopted in such diverse cities as Minneapolis (MN), San Francisco (CA), Memphis (TN) and Oakland (CA). In 2009, St. Paul (MN) adopted IRV.

FairVote was particularly focused on helping cities implement IRV and providing analysis of those elections. Places holding and preparing to hold IRV election in 2009 included Aspen (CO), Burlington (VT), Charlottesville (VA), Hendersonville (NC), and Minneapolis (MN). Pierce County (WA) and San Francisco (CA). They presented different challenges involving administration and voter education, both for election officials working on the inside and community leaders on the outside. Most of these elections had competitive races that inspired both support and opposition to the new system, and generated a great deal of data that invited close analysis. FairVote assisted in administration issues and helped generate reports after these elections. Our work helped convince officials in other cities to move forward with IRV, including three California cities (Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro) that decided to use IRV in their elections in 2010.

We had an in-state staffer in North Carolina during part of 2009 to help develop educational materials and means for cities to try IRV in pilot programs. We were involved in establishing detailed standards for the pilots and how to administer the elections. Ultimately Hendersonville used IRV in 2009, with voters in an exit poll survey expressing majority support for the system. Our work also helped the state be ready to implement IRV for four judicial elections in 2010, including one statewide race.

Increasing general public awareness of IRV: The most high-profile and unexpected use of instant runoff voting in 2009 did not involve a public municipality—it was the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences choosing to use IRV to select the most prestigious Oscar: Best Picture in an effort to guarantee a consensus winner while doubling the number of nominees. FairVote created the site *OscarVotes123.com* and played a helpful role in explaining this system to members of the entertainment press. We also developed and featured new online and written resources about IRV, including a new *FairVote.org* section geared to local reformers and election officials.

Students continued to show their interest in IRV, with our resources helpful to nearly 60 colleges and universities that now use IRV for student elections. New schools that adopted IRV in 2009 included Arizona State, Columbia, Cornell and Williams, with those adopting it soon after including Brandeis and Brown.

Fair Representation: Americans should elect national, state and local legislatures that fully reflect our nation's diversity, grounded in like-minded voters earning representation in proportion to their share of the vote. Going into 2009, our plans for this area of work included efforts to:

- Engage with community leaders and organizations to promote choice voting and other alternative voting methods as a remedy for Voting Rights Act cases, including particular focus on jurisdictions in New York, California and the greater D.C. area;
- Public education about proportional voting systems, ranging from students reviewing their elections on campus to states preparing for a new round of redistricting and as Americans learning about elections overseas

Proportional voting in communities and as a tool in voting rights cases: In 2008 the Brennan Center had represented FairVote's amicus brief in a Voting Rights Act (VRA) case brought by the Department of Justice against Port Chester (NY). In 2009 FairVote's Rob Richie met with Village leaders to prepare to implement its preferred remedy of cumulative voting. Ultimately, the judge ordered use of cumulative voting, and FairVote was asked to supervise the voter education effort for the ultimately highly successful elections in 2010.

We provided assistance in understanding and instituting choice voting and other proportional systems in several other communities. In Lowell (MA), we provided assistance with voter education and research for the local non-profit One Lowell as its proposal for choice voting in city council elections earned more than 40% of the vote in a November 2009 ballot measures. In Greenbelt (MD), FairVote worked closely with the Prince George's County NAACP and Maryland ACLU in organizing three public forums at which we explained choice voting's potential to increase diversity, representativeness and voter choice; Greenbelt's city council ultimately approved other changes designed to provide fairer representation.

FairVote also worked with local allies, particularly the independent group FairVote Minnesota, in helping to prepare Minneapolis to run its first elections with ranked choice voting in November 2009, involving instant runoff voting for most offices and choice voting in at-large races for certain offices like the park board. We met with city election officials, worked on ballot design and provided advice on voter education for what ultimately was a highly successful implementation of the new voting method – the first new use of the choice voting method of proportional voting since the 1960s.

We also researched the potential of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) to uphold minority voting rights through proportional voting systems.

Public education about proportional voting systems: FairVote produced several educational products, including: an excellent flash animation on choice voting (see *www.choicevoting.com*); a PowerPoint for community presentations; and a toolkit for students interested in choice voting for campus elections, as already done at several schools. We also made progress in updating our manual on proportional voting systems and voting rights and a guide to voting methods for charter commissions. We issued new reports on proportional voting systems as used in other countries such as Japan and Iraq.

Relating to proportional voting and redistricting, we updated our website resources, including our *Redistricting Reform Watch* that tracks reform measures in states. We took steps that ultimately led to creating EndGerrymandering.com in 2010. We released and updated our substantial biennial report called *Dubious Democracy*, which presents the generally uncompetitive nature of single-member districts in elections for the U.S. House of Representatives by providing a wealth of data from elections since 1982. Frequently cited by scholars and electoral reform leaders, the new report features an interactive USA map to make it easy to find telling statistics from each state.

General appreciation of electoral reform/Coalition-building: FairVote continued to engage in outreach to backers of other pro-democracy positions as a reflection of our belief that electoral reforms are most effective and viable when developed and implemented together. In 2009, we:

- Produced a powerful online video about the history of electoral reform in the United States, showing how major reforms at the national level tend to come in clusters after advances in cities and states;
- Generated a steady series of "innovative analyses" designed to provoke new thinking and insights about elections and electoral reform, with a readership that includes hundreds of leading policymakers and opinion leaders
- Followed up on our December 2009 conference for electoral reform group leaders and policymakers – the conference earned strongly favorable reviews from participants, and in 2009 contributed to coalition-building and news lines of communication across reform and geographic lines (later deepened with the Strengthening our Nation's Democracy conference in August 2009).

A new website and strengthening our program infrastructure: A Tides Foundation grant for capacity building provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen our organization. We pursued mechanical improvements such as: replacing our postal and email databases with better ones; improving financial practices; and replacing old office technology that had undercut the work of staffers and volunteers. We also hired a consultant to help with development and strategic planning and hired staff to coordinate our work in the "cross-cutting" areas of research and communications.

A major component of our strategic planning involved reviewing and re-organizing our reform proposals. This process took on very tangible meaning in the design, wording and organization decisions involved in building an entirely new website, restructuring and streamlining our message and featured content. This work needed to be done carefully and well, as FairVote has one of the largest organizational sites on the web, ranking at the top of Internet searches for many democracy-related terms. The product of countless staff hours in 2009, our new website's structure and design mark great progress and make our reports and activity all the more compelling and accessible.

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