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Form 990-EZ Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)	OMB No 1545-1150 2009
	▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form. ▶ <i>The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.</i>	Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009, and ending 12-31-2009				
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 CIVIC PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN		D Employer identification number 81-0668995
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200		E Telephone number (713) 296-1666
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 HOUSTON, TX 77027		F Group Exemption Number 1

◆ Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ). 		G Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) 	
I Website:  n/a		H Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
J Tax-Exempt status (check only one)—☒ 501(c)(4)  (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527			

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 224,203

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)				
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	219,752
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	4,451
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here  		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
Expenses	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe  _____)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 	9	224,203
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
Net Assets	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	172,214
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	55,291
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	500
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	4,840
	16	Other expenses (describe   _____)	16	254,417
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 	17	487,262
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-263,059
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	1,316,588	
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) 	20	-3,853	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 	21	1,049,676	

Part II Balance Sheets —If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ	
(See the instructions for Part II)	
22 Cash, savings, and investments	
23 Land and buildings	
24 Other assets (describe  _____)	
25 Total assets	
26 Total liabilities (describe  _____)	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) .	

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Part VOther Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	No
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	No
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033 (e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶	37a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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	40b	No
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ AZ,TX		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ NORMALICIA FLORES Telephone no ▶ (713) 296-1666 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 Located at ▶ HOUSTON, TX ZIP + 4 ▶ 77027		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
42b			No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____	42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	Yes	No
44			No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	45	No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.
All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

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

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

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

50(f) Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

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

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

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.				
	Signature of officer *****		Date 2010-03-31		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature Carolyn Sechler		Date 2010-03-31	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 SECHLER CPA PC 921 E ORANGE DRIVE PHOENIX, AZ 85014				EIN
					Phone no (602) 230-2700
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No					

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 81-0668995
Name: CIVIC PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN

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

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
ELISEO MEDINA 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	PRES 001 00	0		
VILMA LINARES-VAUGHN 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	TREAS 001 00	0		
CUC VU 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	SECY 001 00	0		
MARIA ECHAVESTE 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	DIR 001 00	0		
JODIE WINTEROF 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	DIR 001 00	0		
LESLIE MOODY 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	DIR 001 00	0		
LAURA EFURD 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	DIR 001 00	0		
BEN MONTEROSO 4299 SAN FELIPE STREET 200 HOUSTON,TX 77027	EXEC DIR 008 00	0		

Form

4562

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2009

Attachment
Sequence No 67

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Name(s) shown on return CIVIC PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN	Business or activity to which this form relates 990EZ	Identifying number 81-0668995
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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	250,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	250,000

6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
6				
6				
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 (see instructions)	11		
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12		
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 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 IISpecial Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

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

Part IIIMACRS 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	2,198
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here▶		

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

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
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

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

Part IVSummary (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 instructions	22	2,198
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
25Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						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

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

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

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

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) A mortization period or percentage	(f) A mortization for this year
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2009 tax year (see instructions)					
43 A mortization 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	

TY 2009 Other Assets Schedule

Name: CIVIC PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN

EIN: 81-0668995

Software ID: 09000123

Software Version: 2009.0.12

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
DUE FROM CO COMMITTEE		11,326
OTHER CURRENT RECEIVABLE		6,064

TY 2009 Other Changes in Net Assets Schedule

Name: CIVIC PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN

EIN: 81-0668995

Software ID: 09000123

Software Version: 2009.0.12

Description	Amount
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TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** CIVIC PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN**EIN:** 81-0668995**Software ID:** 09000123**Software Version:** 2009.0.12

Description	Amount
Travel	15,097
Meals and entertainment	2,093
Depreciation	2,198
Supplies .	3,704
Telephone .	5,069
ADVERTISING	26,001
AUTO	2,100
EQUIP RENTAL	482
BANK CHARGES	766
CONTRACT SERVICES	39,096
COMMITTEE SUPPORT	66,294
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTION	2,570
INSURANCE	767
MEDIA	84,235
OFFICE	57
PROMOTIONAL	554
TAXES AND LICENSE	3,334