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Form 990-EZ

## Short Form

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

2009

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2009, and ending 06-30-2010

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 PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC	D Employer identification number 16-1703662
	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 942	E Telephone number (802) 223-6677
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	F Group Exemption Number ►

\* Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ). ►

G Accounting method  Cash  Accrual  
Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► www.publicassets.org

J Tax-Exempt status (check only one)  501(c)(3) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A 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 ► \$ 246,142

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

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	228,673
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	16,050
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0
4	Investment income	4	1,419
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
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	0
b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	0
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
8	Other revenue (describe ►)	8	
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	246,142
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	192,301
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	14,482
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	20,508
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	4,803
16	Other expenses (describe ►)	16	16,213
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	248,307
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-2,165
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	186,010
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	183,845

## 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.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	181,519	22 178,887
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ►)	5,911	24 5,083
25 <b>Total assets</b>	187,430	25 183,970
26 <b>Total liabilities</b> (describe ►)	1,420	26 125
27 <b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	186,010	27 183,845



<b>Part V Other Information</b> (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)			<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	<b>33</b>		No	
<b>34</b> Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	<b>34</b>		No	
<b>35</b> If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but <b>not</b> reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T				
<b>a</b> 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>35a</b>		No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year?	<b>35b</b>			
<b>36</b> 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	<b>36</b>		No	
<b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► <b>37a</b>	<b>37a</b>			
<b>b</b> Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?	<b>37b</b>		No	
<b>38a</b> Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee <b>or</b> were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	<b>38a</b>		No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	<b>38b</b>			
<b>39</b> <i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter	<b>39a</b>			
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	<b>39a</b>			
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	<b>39b</b>			
<b>40a</b> <i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► _____, section 4912 ► _____, section 4955 ► _____				
<b>b</b> <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> 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	<b>40b</b>		No	
<b>c</b> <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► _____				
<b>d</b> <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► _____				
<b>e</b> <i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	<b>40e</b>		No	
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► _____				
<b>42a</b> The organization's books are in care of ► <u>DENICE K BROWN</u> Telephone no ► <u>(802) 225-8907</u> 28 BARRE STREET SUITE 2 Located at ► <u>MONTPELIER, VT</u> ZIP + 4 ► <u>05602</u>				
<b>b</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 <b>Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.</b>	<b>42b</b>		No	
<b>c</b> 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 ► _____	<b>42c</b>		No	
<b>43</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► <b>43</b>	<b>43</b>			
<b>44</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," <i>Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.</i>	<b>44</b>		No	
<b>45</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," <i>Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.</i>	<b>45</b>		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.

<b>46</b>	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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>47</b>	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>48</b>	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>49a</b>	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**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."

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	<b>(b)</b> Title and average hours per week devoted to position	<b>(c)</b> Compensation	<b>(d)</b> Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	<b>(e)</b> 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."

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

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

<b>Please Sign Here</b>	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 PAUL CILLO PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	2011-02-09 Date	

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

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

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Inspection**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**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.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization  
PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

Employer identification number

16-1703662

**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 **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)

3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.

4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)

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

11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

e  a  Type I      b  Type II      c  Type III - Functionally integrated      d  Type III - Other

f  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)

g  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

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

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

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

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

i  Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

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

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

**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")		115,787	283,011	220,059	228,673	847,530
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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3		115,787	283,011	220,059	228,673	847,530
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)						598,658
6 <b>Public Support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						248,872

**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			283,011	220,059	228,673	847,530
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources			3,437	3,327	1,419	8,183
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 <b>Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						855,713
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	56,050

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

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	29 080 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	32 990 %
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b <b>33 1/3% support test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
18 <b>Private Foundation</b> 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 IRC 509(a)(2)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public Support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6 )						0

**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						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV )						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12 )						
<b>14 First Five Years</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	0 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
<b>19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
<b>b 33 1/3% support tests—2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
<b>20 Private Foundation</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions**Facts And Circumstances Test**

PT II LINE 17A PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE, INC IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION WHOSE, TAX-EXEMPT SECTION 501 (C)(3) STATUS WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IN 2006 , IN ADDITION, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE ORGANIZATION HAS CONTINUED TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A, PUBLICLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION (A "PUBLIC CHARITY") AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 170(B) (1)(A)(VI), AND 509(A)(1) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS RECENTLY, FALLEN SHORT OF THE ONE-THIRD LEVEL OF PUBLIC SUPPORT NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR SUCH CLASSIFICATION, PUBLIC ASSETS, INSTITUTE, INC BELIEVES ITSELF TO CONTINUE TO QUALIFY AS A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION BY VIRTUE, OF THE "FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES" TEST OUTLINED IN REGS SEC 1 170A-9(E)(3) OWING TO ITS PUBLIC OUTREACH, EFFORTS INCLUDING ITS WEBSITE, NEWSLETTERS, BLOGS, OP-EDS, AND OTHER PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BOARD IS COMPRISED OF A DIVERSE GROUP OF, INDIVIDUALS DRAWN FROM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WITH EACH MEMBER OFFERING A UNIQUE SET OF SKILLS,, PERSPECTIVES, AND CAPABILITIES TO THE ORGANIZATION ,

## Additional Data

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

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

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
PAUL CILLO PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	President 34 00	64,800		
CARLEN FINN PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Treasurer 2 00	0		
LINDA MARKIN PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Chair 2 00	0		
MARION MILNE PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Director 1 00	0		
CHERYL MITCHELL PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Director 1 00	0		
SHEILA REED PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Secretary 2 00	0		
DAVID TUCKER PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601	Vice Chair 2 00	0		

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)****Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities****2009****Open to Public  
Inspection****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.

**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) or Form 990-EZ, line 35a (regarding proxy tax), then**

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

Name of the organization  
PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

Employer identification number

16-1703662

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

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

**(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)**

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

<b>Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)</b>	<b>(a) 2006</b>	<b>(b) 2007</b>	<b>(c) 2008</b>	<b>(d) 2009</b>	<b>(e) Total</b>
<b>2a</b> Lobbying non-taxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots non-taxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> 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)		(b)
	Yes	No	
			Amount
<b>1</b> 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			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?		No	
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	Yes		
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?		No	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No	
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		450
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
<b>i</b> Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV		No	
<b>j</b> Total lines 1c through 1i			450
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> 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".**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	2a	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	2b	
<b>c</b> Total	2c	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
<b>4</b> 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?		
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	4	
	5	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt II-B Line 1i	N/A	
Pt II-B, Line 1b & 1g		President Paul Cillo, and Senior Policy Analyst John I Hoffman, III,

Form 4562

Depreciation and Amortization  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2009

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

Attachment  
Sequence No 67Name(s) shown on return  
PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INCBusiness or activity to which this form relates  
Form 990 / Form 990EZIdentifying number  
16-1703662**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179***Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.*

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses . . . . .	1	\$ 125,000
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	\$ 500,000
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	

6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
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 <b>smaller</b> 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 11 ►	13			

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

<b>Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)</b>		
14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

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

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	978
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

Non-Res Prop Type 1 count 0 Non-Res Prop Type 2 count 0 Non-Res Prop Totals count 0

**Part IV Summary (see instructions)**

21 Listed proper

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	978
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

**Part V**

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

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

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

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

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

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

	%							
	%							
	%							

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

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

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

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

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**Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles**

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

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

30	(a) Vehicle 1	(b) Vehicle 2	(c) Vehicle 3	(d) Vehicle 4	(e) Vehicle 5	(f) Vehicle 6
31						
32						
33						
34	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35						
36						

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

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

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

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

**Part VI Amortization**

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

43	A 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

## TY 2009 Other Assets Schedule

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

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Security deposit	1,509	1,509
Equipment, book value	4,402	3,424
Employee advance		150

## TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule

**Name:** PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

**EIN:** 16-1703662

Description	Amount
Conferences & meetings	1,296
Insurance	1,157
Miscellaneous	2,133
Telephone	2,304
Travel	8,345
Depreciation	978

## TY 2009 Other Liabilities Schedule

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

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Accrued expenses	1,420	125