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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)	OMB No 1545-0047 2009 Open to Public Inspection
	The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	

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 Houston Zoo Inc		D Employer identification number 74-1590271
		Doing Business As		E Telephone number (713) 533-6725
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 1513 Cambridge	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 31,515,742
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Houston, TX 77030		
	F Name and address of principal officer Deborah M Cannon 1513 N MacGregor Houston, TX 77030		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (3) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)		
J Website: www.houstonzoo.org		H(c) Group exemption number		
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other		L Year of formation 1920	M State of legal domicile TX	

Part I		Summary		
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities We strive to be a zoo that practices exemplary animal care, delivers an outstanding guest experience, creastes a workplace that instills respect and teamwork, provides learning opportunities, promotes conservation awareness, and inspires community support		
	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 <u>3</u>	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 <u>3</u>	
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 <u>46</u>	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 <u>43</u>	
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a <u></u>	
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b <u></u>	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year <u>14,681,814</u>	Current Year <u>6,824,688</u>
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>22,283,536</u>	<u>23,505,356</u>
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>73,645</u>	<u>175,150</u>
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>-70,190</u>	<u>53,262</u>
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>36,968,805</u>	<u>30,558,456</u>
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<u>444,313</u>
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u></u>	<u>0</u>
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<u>14,989,524</u>	<u>15,410,173</u>
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>37,250</u>	<u>27,000</u>
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <u>1,029,164</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	<u>8,362,324</u>	<u>8,598,046</u>
18		Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>23,833,411</u>	<u>24,392,024</u>
19		Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>13,135,394</u>	<u>6,166,432</u>
Net Assets or Fund Balances				Beginning of Current Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<u>76,720,977</u>	<u>82,044,700</u>
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>2,932,922</u>	<u>1,895,479</u>
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>73,788,055</u>	<u>80,149,221</u>

Part II		Signature Block			
Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge				
	***** Signature of officer		2011-05-11 Date		
	Deborah M Cannon President & CEO Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature Jody Blazek		Date	Check if self-employed ☒	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Blazek & Vetterling 2900 Wesleyan Suite 200 Houston, TX 770275132			EIN Phone no (713) 439-5739	

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

The Houston Zoo provides a fun, unique, and inspirational experience fostering appreciation, knowledge, and care for the natural world

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Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes

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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

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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 \$ 19,064,047 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 21,829,608)

Aspiring to be one of the best zoos in the country, the Houston Zoo is focused on insuring that visitors from Houston, and abroad, feel like they have been as close to the wild as they can get The Houston Zoo’s animal care team, Education Department and Zoo Rangers, and our Guest Relations personnel lead this effort The Zoo’s animal keepers are among the best in the nation, insuring our guests that every visit to the Houston Zoo is filled with wonder and a sense of awe In 2010, the Houston Zoo conducted 8,340 Meet the Keeper Talks and presentations representing more than 4,000 hours of keeper staff time Providing diverse learning experiences, the Houston Zoo’s Education Department promotes connections with the natural world, empowering our guests to inquire, act, and conserve In 2010, the Houston Zoo’s Education Department personnel presented 2,181 interpretive programs on grounds reaching more than 64,301 participants Zoo Rangers maintain a constant presence on Zoo grounds, providing a myriad of services The primary function of the highly knowledgeable Zoo Rangers is to engage Zoo guests and provide information about Zoo operations, exhibits and animals Collectively in 2010, Zoo Rangers provided more than 31,000 hours of on-grounds guest service

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,036,344 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,372,896)

Each year, the Zoo welcomes hundreds of thousands of students to explore the Zoo on field trips The Zoo’s informal education programs serve thousands of people with weekend classes, summer camps, daily programs, overnight programs, and special events School field Trips (FY 2010)Total Persons Served 48,919Academic Programs (FY 2010)Total Programs 161Total Persons Served 7,056Through other community outreach programs, the Zoo also works with numerous local schools, organizations and institutions, including Texas Children’s Hospital, M D Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann Children’s Hospital, and the Harris County Hospital District’s Ben Taub Hospital to reach thousands of children and adults annually in schools, libraries, hospitals, and parks where they can still experience the Zoo when they are unable to visit Zoomobile programs (FY 2010)Total Trips 209Total Persons Served 34,404

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,019,456 including grants of \$ 356,805) (Revenue \$ 302,852)

Through partnerships with local, national, and international conservation agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Nature Conservancy, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and the Jane Goodall Institute, the Houston Zoo actively participates in programs designed to protect both animals and their natural habitats worldwide The Zoo’s Naturally Wild Conservation Program affirms its philosophy that conservation is not just a department but must become ingrained in every area of the Zoo’s culture Accordingly, the Houston Zoo has committed 2% of its annual operating budget to support this program, which compares favorably with other zoos, most of which do not make such substantial commitments to conservation from their operating budget A program such as this can only be accomplished if it is supported and embraced by the staff of the institution The response from Houston Zoo personnel has been excellent, a remarkable 85% of employees have contributed personally to the fiscal year 2010 staff conservation campaign, a clear indication that zoo employees do not only understand the key mission of a modern zoological institution, but also believe it in strongly enough to dedicate their own resources In FY 2010, the Houston Zoo provided support for 24 conservation projects in 9 countries

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses

\$ 21,119,847

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> 	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> 	4	Yes
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> 	5	No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	8	Yes
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 	10	Yes
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.</i> 	11	Yes
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> 	12	Yes
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? 	Yes	No
	<i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	12A	No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i> 	14b	Yes
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 U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i> 	15	Yes
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 U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i> 	16	No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> 	17	Yes
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> 	18	Yes
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> 	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20	No

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
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		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
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 owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
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	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No	
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a138			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b0			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a463			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	2b			Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a		No	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		No	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a		No	
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No	
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c		No	
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		No	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		No	
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	Yes		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d0			
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f			No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . .	7g			No
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h		No	
8	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		No	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		No	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		No	
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		No	
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 lines 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	34	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	34	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
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		No

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		No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		No
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		No

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶ Lila Soussan 1513 Cambridge Houston, TX 77030 (713) 533-6725

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

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee

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1b	Total	1,233,382	116,070
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Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization▶10

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Joseph Dow dba Dow Fence & Supply Co 1802 Preston Street Pasadena, TX 77502	Fencing installation	175,694
Hines Interest LP 1100 Louisiana St 1400 Houston, TX 77002	Contract management	474,000

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 ▶2

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	230,125				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	6,594,563				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 16,361						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		6,824,688				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	Membership	900,099	2,999,564	2,999,564			
	b	Educ progr & events	611,600	1,372,896	1,372,896			
	c	Concessions contract	722,210	2,106,037	2,106,037			
	d	City management fee	561,499	8,316,876	8,316,876			
	e	Admission fees	900,099	8,407,131	8,407,131			
	f	All other program service revenue		302,852	302,852			
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		23,505,356				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		129,189			129,189	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .		0				
	5	Royalties		0				
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b	Less rental expenses					
		c	Rental income or (loss)					
		d	Net rental income or (loss)		0			
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c	Gain or (loss)					
		d	Net gain or (loss)		45,961			45,961
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 230,125 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
		a	178,578					
		b	Less direct expenses	b	125,316			
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .		53,262			53,262	
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
		a						
		b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .		0				
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . .						
a								
b		Less cost of goods sold . . .	b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .		0					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		30,558,456	23,505,356			228,412	

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	131,446	131,446		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	7,239	7,239		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	218,120	218,120		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	665,967	283,041	330,356	52,570
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	11,760,955	10,243,643	902,965	614,347
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	346,102	301,642	19,934	24,526
9	Other employee benefits	1,638,308	1,464,279	94,973	79,056
10	Payroll taxes	998,841	855,352	92,938	50,551
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	26,217	23,124	2,664	429
c	Accounting	45,943		45,943	
d	Lobbying	0			
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	27,000			27,000
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other	855,357	670,395	164,279	20,683
12	Advertising and promotion	751,610	729,073	18,469	4,068
13	Office expenses	552,621	373,219	137,864	41,538
14	Information technology	258,533	108,472	120,931	29,130
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	628,704	619,709	7,954	1,041
17	Travel	159,356	143,081	11,678	4,597
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	150,256	125,443	4,672	20,141
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,039,268	2,039,268		
23	Insurance	314,472	285,776	20,682	8,014
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	Supplies	2,031,842	1,963,712	41,609	26,521
b	Printing	370,099	129,668	216,602	23,829
c	Grounds/Events	206,755	206,755		
d	Equipment expense	207,013	197,390	8,500	1,123
e					
f	All other expenses	0			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	24,392,024	21,119,847	2,243,013	1,029,164
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

						(A)		(B)
						Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing				1,236,824	1	10,705,154
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				23,587,945	2	11,958,248
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				17,470,472	3	11,163,028
	4	Accounts receivable, net				929,025	4	1,465,666
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L					5	0
	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	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net					7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use					8	116,858
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				158,882	9	387,034
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	51,866,216				
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	9,209,661	30,032,728	10c	42,656,555	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			3,305,101	11	3,592,157	
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11				12	0	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11				13	0	
	14	Intangible assets				14	0	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11				15	0	
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			76,720,977	16	82,044,700	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			2,405,969	17	1,571,429	
	18	Grants payable				18		
	19	Deferred revenue			526,953	19	324,050	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21		
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L				22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24		
	25	Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D				25		
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			2,932,922	26	1,895,479	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.							
	27	Unrestricted net assets			30,983,051	27	36,137,320	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			39,328,510	28	40,532,101	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			3,476,494	29	3,479,800	
	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			73,788,055	33	80,149,221	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			76,720,977	34	82,044,700	

Part XI **Financial Statements and Reporting**

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
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 separated 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?		No
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 . . .		No

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

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 Houston Zoo Inc	Employer identification number 74-1590271
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status

(All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

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

- 1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

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A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7

☐

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9

☒

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**
- 11

☐

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

a

☐

Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other
- e

☐

By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f

☐

If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g

☐

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

(i)

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

(ii)

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

(iii)

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

☐

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

Part II

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

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 (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

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 for 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 the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—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 IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	21,266,565	11,517,105	5,755,509	14,681,814	6,824,688	60,045,681
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	17,559,732	18,828,701	21,810,339	22,283,536	23,505,356	103,987,664
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6Total. Add lines 1 through 5	38,826,297	30,345,806	27,565,848	36,965,350	30,330,044	164,033,345
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	17,630,141	5,383,030	1,579,326	8,193,277	2,605,054	35,390,828
bAmounts 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
cAdd lines 7a and 7b	17,630,141	5,383,030	1,579,326	8,193,277	2,605,054	35,390,828
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						128,642,517

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6	38,826,297	30,345,806	27,565,848	36,965,350	30,330,044	164,033,345
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	433,222	810,996	862,130	340,457	369,884	2,816,689
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
cAdd lines 10a and 10b	433,222	810,996	862,130	340,457	369,884	2,816,689
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						0
13Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						166,850,034
14First 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

15Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	77.100 %
16Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	74.440 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	1.690 %
18Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.600 %
19a33 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	☒	
b33 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	☐	
20Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	☐	

Part IV

Supplemental Information. 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

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) 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 Houston Zoo Inc	Employer identification number 74-1590271
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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 funtion 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

☐

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)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns															
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -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 non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
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)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
	a Volunteers?		No	
	b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	Yes		
	c Media advertisements?		No	
	d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
	e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No	
	f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
	g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		
	h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
	i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV	Yes		
j Total lines 1c through 1i				40,568
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
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?		No	

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) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	2a	
a	Current year		
b	Carryover from last year		
c	Total		
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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part II-B, Line 1i	Part II-B, Line 1i - Other Activities Description	Houston Zoo, Inc. contracted with a consultant during the year. The consultant set up meetings with Houston area Congressional Representatives, and worked with their local and Washington staffs to keep them informed of activities and programs at the Zoo.

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.**

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization
Houston Zoo Inc

Employer identification number
74-1590271

Part I

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

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

☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

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

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

3

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

4

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

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, 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 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▶\$ _____

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Part III

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

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☒ Public exhibition

b

☒ Scholarly research

c

☒ Preservation for future generations

d

☒ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes☒ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

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

☐ Yes☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance	3,238,591	3,540,000		
b	Contributions	3,225	178,000		
c	Investment earnings or losses	312,877	-459,374		
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs		-20,035		
f	Administrative expenses	27,197			
g	End of year balance	3,527,496	3,238,591		

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 100.000 %

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

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

(i)

unrelated organizations

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii)

related organizations

3a(ii)

Yes

No

b

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

3b

Yes

No

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		25,709,652	6,264,411	19,445,241
d Equipment				
e Other		26,156,564	2,945,250	23,211,314
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				42,656,555

Part XIReconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements			
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	30,558,456
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	24,392,024
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	6,166,432
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	1,373,947
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	1,373,947
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	7,540,379

Part XIIReconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return			
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	47,348,943
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	159,756
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	16,630,731
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	16,790,487
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	30,558,456
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 should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	30,558,456

Part XIIIReconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return			
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	39,808,564
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	159,756
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	15,256,784
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	15,416,540
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,392,024
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 should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	24,392,024

Part XIVSupplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part XIII, Line 2d	Part XIII, Line 2d Other expenses and losses per audited F/S	18 months audit - expenses July - Dec \$15256784 Special event expenses \$0
Part XII, Line 2d	Part XII, Line 2d Other revenue amounts included in F/S but not included on form 990	18 month audit - revenue July - Dec \$16630731
Part XI, Line 8	Part XI, Line 8 Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	18 month audit - net profit July-Dec \$1373947
Part V, Line 4	Part V, Line 4 Intended uses of the endowment fund	To support programs and facility in accordance with restrictions
Part III, Line 4	Part III, Line 4 Description of organization's collections and how it furthers its purpose	The Houston Zoo is a conservation, education, and recreation organization dedicated to the reproduction, protection, and exhibition of animals in their habitats. The Houston Zoo provides a fun, unique and inspirational experience fostering appreciation, knowledge and care for the natural world.
Part III, Line 1a	Part III, Line 1a If organization elected under SFAS 116 to not report are, historical treasures, o	In accordance with industry practice, the Houston Zoo does not capitalize animal and horticultural collections, acquisitions are reported as expenditures in the period of acquisition. The Houston Zoo is responsible for the health and welfare of its animal and horticultural collections. The Houston Zoo maintains records of its collections and any exchanges with other organizations. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the President, and the curatorial staff, collections continue to be cared for, used, and expanded. In 2010 and 2009, the Houston Zoo expended approximately \$297,000 and \$313,000, respectively, to expand its collections. In an ongoing commitment to enhance worldwide reproduction and conservation of animals, the Houston Zoo exchanges animals with other organizations. Consistent with industry practice, the Houston Zoo does not record any liability for such exchange arrangements, as generally these arrangements are without monetary consideration.

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Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000 ☐

Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
			Sub-Saharan Africa	Gorilla conservation	13,000	Wire transfer			
			South America	Lowland tapir conservation	36,750	Wire transfer			
			East Asia/Pacific	KOCP orangutan project	27,500	Wire transfer			
			East Asia/Pacific	Borneo elephant project	30,000	Wire transfer			
			Central America/Caribbean	Amphibian conservation	85,570	Wire transfer			

2

Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ☐

1

3

Enter total number of other organizations or entities ☐

4

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

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Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any additional information.

Schedule F (Form 990) 2009

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
Houston Zoo Inc

Employer identification number
74-1590271

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1

Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a

☒

Mail solicitations

e

☒

Solicitation of non-government grants

b

☒

Internet and e-mail solicitations

f

☒

Solicitation of government grants

c

☒

Phone solicitations

g

☒

Special fundraising events

d

☒

In-person solicitations

2a

Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total ▶					27,000	

3

List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue			(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
			Feast w/Beast	Conservation Luncheon	1	(Add col (a) through col (c))
			(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
	1	Gross receipts	284,950	105,260	18,493	408,703
	2	Less Charitable contributions	147,355	78,795	3,975	230,125
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	137,595	26,465	14,518	178,578
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Non-cash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs	43,587	4,286	1,428	49,301
	7	Food and beverages	34,714	7,193	2,275	44,182
	8	Entertainment	21,631		250	21,881
	9	Other direct expenses	2,794	6,758	400	9,952
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				125,316
	11	Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10. ▶				53,262

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue			(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
						(Add col (a) through col (c))
	1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Non-cash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7 ▶				

			Yes	No
9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____			
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a		
b	If "No," Explain _____ _____			
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a		
b	If "Yes," Explain _____ _____			
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11		
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12		

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a	The organization's facility 13a		
b	An outside facility 13b		
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ► _____			
Address ► _____			
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c	If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ► _____			
Address ► _____			
16	Gaming manager information		
Name ► _____			
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____			
Description of services provided ► _____			
☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor			
17	Mandatory distributions		
a	Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a	
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____		

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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

DLN: 93493131016931

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Name of the organization
Houston Zoo Inc

Employer identification number
74-1590271

Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

Yes

No

2

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

Part II

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Wildlife Conservation Society2300 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY 10460	131740011	509(a)(1)	37,450	0			Republic of Congo Mbeli Bai Gorilla Prgm
UC DavisOne Shields Avenue Davis, CA 95616	061752363	509(a)(1)	11,500	0			Mountain Gorilla Vet Project
The International Rhino Foundation201 Main Street Ste 2600 Fort Worth, TX 76102	752395006	509(a)(1)	15,000	0			Rhino conservation
Iowa State Univ of Science&Tech2229 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50014	426004224	509(a)(1)	11,102	0			Extraction to extinction program
Environmental Defense Fund1875 Connecticut AveNWSte 600 Washington, DC 20009	116107128	509(a)(1)	14,269	0			Habitat manipulation
Art of Conservation2118 High Street Des Moines, IA 50312	208119983	509(a)(1)	10,000	0			Conservation education

2

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

6

3

Enter total number of other organizations

0

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization Houston Zoo Inc	Employer identification number 74-1590271
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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
☐ First-class or charter travel		
☐ Travel for companions		
☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments		
☐ Discretionary spending account		
☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain		
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?		
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply		
☒ Compensation committee		
☐ Independent compensation consultant		
☒ Form 990 of other organizations		
☐ Written employment contract		
☒ Compensation survey or study		
☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?		No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	Yes	
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a The organization?		No
b Any related organization?		No
If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a The organization?		No
b Any related organization?		No
If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?		No

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

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Part III

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19	Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	These documents are provided upon request

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b	Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b Compensation Review and Approval Process for Officers and Key Employees	See above for process followed for individuals described in question 15b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c	Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts	The Zoo's Board of Directors has a conflict of interest policy to ensure that both the Zoo and its directors and officers are protected from concerns of conflict of interest. The policy asks the directors and officers to disclose their relationship with other organizations or people that might give rise to a situation in which the officer or director would be subject to criticism for a conflict. Each year we ask the directors and officers of the company to complete and file a form with the Zoo to meet this requirement. The Chairperson of the Audit Committee is responsible for the oversight process and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors is responsible for addressing any conflicts that may be disclosed in the process.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11	Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 Form 990 Review Process	The Form 990 is reviewed by the CEO and the CFO. Once reviewed, the Form is presented to the Audit Committee, and a copy of the Form is provided to each Board member prior to filing.

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Winfield M Campbell Sr Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Tony Sanchez III Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Susan Ehrhardt Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Stephen Kaufman Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Stephen D Newton Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Stacy Methvin Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Sheri Lytle VP of HR	0					X		115,697	0	15,082
Shawn Taylor Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Sharon Joseph VP Animal Prog	40 00					X		128,893	0	9,530
Rodrick Barongi Executive Direc	40 00			X				220,680	0	13,020
Robert Graham Chairman	4 00	X		X				0	0	0
Nandita Berry Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Michael Cordua Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Martyn Goossen Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Louis Sklar Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Lori Vettters Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Linnet Deily Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Leslie D Forestier CFO	40 00			X				128,912	0	9,542
Joseph M Kalla VP Operations	40 00					X		122,427	0	15,388
Jonathan Day Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Jack S Blanton Sr Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Herman L Stude Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Glenn L Lowenstein Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
George R Willy Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0
Freda Wilkerson Bass Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former				
Eduardo Aguirre Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
E William Barnett Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
E W Bill Wright III Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Dr Bernard Harris Jr Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Donald R Kendall Jr Vice Chairman	1 00	X		X				0	0	0	
Deborah M Cannon President & CEO	40 00			X				270,752	0	22,656	
Deborah Lackey VP of Development	40 00					X		125,564	0	15,547	
David Brady VP of Marketing	40 00					X		120,457	0	15,305	
Daniel C McNair Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Charles Onstead Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Cathy Campbell-Brock Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Cathryn Selman Vice Chairman	1 00	X		X				0	0	0	
Barbara Samuels Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Barbara Goldfield Secretary	1 00	X		X				0	0	0	
Austin Young Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Anne Duncan Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	
Ali Moshiri Board Member	1 00	X						0	0	0	

Form 990, Part VIII - Statement of Revenue - 2a - 2g Program Service Revenue -

	Business Code	(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
Membership	900,099	2,999,564	2,999,564		
Educ progr & events	611,600	1,372,896	1,372,896		
Concessions contract	722,210	2,106,037	2,106,037		
City management fee	561,499	8,316,876	8,316,876		
Admission fees	900,099	8,407,131	8,407,131		