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Form **990-EZ**

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)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 All other organizations with gross receipts less than $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

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

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A **For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning** 7/1/2009 , **and ending** 6/30/2010

B Check if applicable
- [X] 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: NEW MEXICO FIRST

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): PO BOX 56549

Room/suite:

City, town, or country: ALBUQUERQUE

State: NM

ZIP + 4: 87187

D **Employer identification number**: 85-0350387

E Telephone number: 505-241-4813

F Group Exemption Number ▶

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

G Accounting Method [ ] Cash [X] Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I **Website:** ▶ WWW NMFIRST.ORG

J **Tax-exempt status** (check only one)— [X] 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

H Check ▶ [ ] if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $ 431,155

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

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1	297,612
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	118,442
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	
	4	Investment income		4	15,101
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a 0		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b 0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c	0
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from **gaming**, check here ▶ [ ]			
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ 0 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a 0		
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b 0		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)		6c	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶)		8	0
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶		9	431,155
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)		10	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	283,621
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	52,562
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	11,567
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	2,710
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Attached Statement)		16	112,872
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	463,332
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	-32,177
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	516,676
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		20	12,739
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶		21	497,238

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Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	475,343	22	439,465
23	Land and buildings		23	
24	Other assets (describe ▶ Accounts receivable)	74,290	24	85,215
25	**Total assets**	549,633	25	524,680
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶ Accounts payable and accrued expenses)	32,957	26	27,442
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	516,676	27	497,238

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Provide forum for discussing issues affecting New Mexico

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

		Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
28	Statewide Townhalls - Events are convened for the people and policy makers of New Mexico and focuses on a particular critical issue facing the state. The town halls produce recommendations for state leaders and are followed by a 12-18 month implementation process. (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	173,718
29	Education and Community Outreach - A range of activities are conducted to increase New Mexicans' knowledge of the democratic process. These include civic education for youth, community presentations in rural communities, and statewide efforts to increase citizens' civic participation. (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	136,523
30	Contracts - The Organization convenes regional forums, public hearings, group facilitations, and small town halls through contracts with government agencies and local communities (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	102,091
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	31a	0
32	**Total program service expenses.** (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	412,332

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Heather Balas 320 Gold Ave SW #300 Albuquerque NM 87102	Title Exec Director Hr/WK 40 00	104,820	11,542	7,200
See attached	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
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	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V)

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity.	33		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but **not** reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		X
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b 0			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 , section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ NM			
42 a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ NM First Telephone no. ▶ 505-241-4813			
	Located at ▶ PO Box 56549 City Albuquerque ST NM ZIP + 4 ▶ 87187			
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		X
	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.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?	42c		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. ▶			
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A			
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45		X

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

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

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Name None Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
Name Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
Name Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
Name Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
Name Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0

f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 ▶

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than $100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None Str City ST ZIP		
Name Str City ST ZIP		
Name Str City ST ZIP		
Name Str City ST ZIP		
Name Str City ST ZIP		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000 ▶

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

▶ Heather Bales
Signature of officer

Date 5/10/11

▶ Heather Bales, President + Executive Director
Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
▶ Kharyn Cover	5/4/2011	▶ ☐	P01469709

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EIN	Phone no
▶ Kharyn L. Cover, CPA, PC 9636 Villa Del Rey NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111	▶ 85-0474715	▶ (505) 797-0995

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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NEW MEXICO FIRST	85-0350387

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

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

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III–Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III–Other

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

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

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

		Yes	No
(i)	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii)	A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii)	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document? Yes	(iv) No	(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support? Yes	(v) No	(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ? Yes	(vi) No	(vii) Amount of support
									0
									0
									0
									0
									0
Total									0

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ") . . .	0	0				0
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . .	0	0				0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0				0
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3 . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
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.						0

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 .	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . .	0	0				0
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .						0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .	0	0				0
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10 .						0
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) .					12	

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	0.00%
15	Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . .	15	0.00%

16a **33 1/3% support test–2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . ► ☐

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

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test–2009.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test–2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . ► ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a ,or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	445,633	291,014	255,620	296,865	297,612	1,586,744
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	1,370	62,375	192,432	280,504	118,442	655,123
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0				0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0				0
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5	447,003	353,389	448,052	577,369	416,054	2,241,867
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	200,000	343,330	363,500	282,000	257,000	1,445,830
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	200,000	343,330	363,500	282,000	257,000	1,445,830
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						796,037

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	447,003	353,389	448,052	577,369	416,054	2,241,867
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	9,255	14,304	16,022	4,722	15,101	59,404
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	9,255	14,304	16,022	4,722	15,101	59,404
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	-5,139	87,052	0	0	0	81,913
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	451,119	454,745	464,074	582,091	431,155	2,383,184

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	33 40%
16	Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	36.53%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2.49%
18	Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	2.03%

19a **33 1/3% support tests–2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☒

b **33 1/3% support tests–2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

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

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization	Employer identification number
NEW MEXICO FIRST	85-0350387

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

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV

2 Political expenditures . . . ▶ $ ----------

3 Volunteer hours . . . . . ----------

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

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 . ▶ $ ----------

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ $ ----------

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities . . . . . ▶ $ ----------

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities . . ▶ $ ----------

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ $ 0

4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
	----------		0	0
	----------		0	0
	----------		0	0
	----------		0	0
	----------		0	0
	----------		0	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)		0
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	1,952	0
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	1,952	0
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	461,380	0
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	463,332	0
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	92,666	0
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	23,167	0
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0

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

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a	Lobbying nontaxable amount	91,231	86,556	61,613	92,666	332,066
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					498,099
c	Total lobbying expenditures	0	2,528	3,513	1,952	7,993
d	Grassroots nontaxable amount	22,808	21,639	15,403	23,167	83,017
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					124,526
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	0		0	0

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

		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			0
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes."**

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	0
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	0

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.

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990.

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

NEW MEXICO FIRST

Employer identification number

85-0350387

Form 990 Part V Line 35 Registration and participation fees charged to attand town hall functions in accordance with exempt purpose.

Part I, Line 16 (990-EZ) - Other Expenses

112,872

1	Travel	1	
2	Meals and entertainment	2	
3	Fundraising	3	
4	Amortization	4	0
5	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5	
6	Depreciation	6	2,879
7	Depletion	7	
8	Equipment rental and maintenance	8	5,830
9	Interest	9	
10	Supplies	10	8,651
11	Telephone	11	1,433
12	Unrelated business income taxes	12	0
13	Fundraising, marketing & promotion	13	1,404
14	Auto expense	14	7,200
15	Dues & subscriptions	15	1,823
16	Facilities	16	56,856
17	Insurance	17	13,292
18	Miscellaneous	18	7,499
19	Market research	19	100
20	Travel & entertainment	20	5,905
21		21	
22		22	
23		23	
24		24	
25		25	
26		26	
27		27	
28		28	
29		29	

Part I, Line 20 (990-EZ) - Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances 12,739

	Description		Amount
1	Unrealized gains on investments	1	12,739
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	

Part II, Line 24 (990-EZ) - Other Assets

74,290 85,215

	Description	Beginning	End
1	Accounts receivable	63,000	77,694
2			
3	Prepaid expenses	890	0
4	Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	10,400	7,521
5			
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Part II, Line 26 (990-EZ) - Liabilities

32,957 27,442

	Description	Beginning	End
1	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	32,957	27,442
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

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