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Form **990****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**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ 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 **October 1**, 2009, and ending **September 30**, 20 **10**

- ☒ 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 **SETI Institute**

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

**189 Bernardo Ave**

Room/suite

**100**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

**Mountain View, CA 94043****D** Employer identification number**94 2951356****E** Telephone number**( 650 ) 961-6633****G** Gross receipts \$ **18,332,210****F** Name and address of principal officer: **Thomas Pierson****same as above****H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c) ( **3** ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: ▶ **www.seti.org****K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation. **1984****M** State of legal domicile. **CA****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>The SETI Institute's interdisciplinary team of scientists and educators are dedicated to understanding life on our world and the possibility of life beyond through investigations into the fundamentals of life and how and where it might have arisen. This includes examining life in its most extreme forms and locations; on Earth, in our solar system, and throughout the cosmos.</b>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	<b>3</b>
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>17</b>
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<b>159</b>
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>100</b>
	Revenue	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12
7b		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>0</b>
8		Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>18,457,170</b>
9		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>0</b>
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>28,516</b>
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>0</b>
12		Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>18,485,686</b>
		<b>18,189,691</b>	
		<b>(62,939)</b>	
Expenses		13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0</b>
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>12,363,525</b>
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>0</b>
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	<b>0</b>
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<b>7,196,430</b>
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>19,559,955</b>
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>(1,074,269)</b>
			<b>6,383,118</b>
			<b>18,541,199</b>
Net Assets or Fund Balances			<b>(414,647)</b>
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>13,478,572</b>
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>3,273,771</b>
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>10,204,801</b>

**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.		
	<p><b>Shannon Atkinson</b> <b>8/12/2011</b></p> <p>Signature of officer Date</p> <p><b>Shannon Atkinson, Chief Financial Officer</b></p> <p>Type or print name and title</p>		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EIN	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
		Phone no. ( )	

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

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

- 1**
- Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The mission of the SETI Institute is to explore, understand and explain the origin, nature and prevalence of life in the universe.

- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

- 4** Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 10,472,909 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
The Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe (CSC) specializes in the broad interdisciplinary field of astrobiology, striving to understand the origin, evolution and distribution of life in the universe. Our scientists are addressing three of the most profound questions in science: How does life arise? Is there life beyond Earth? and What are the future directions for the evolution of life? CSC scientists publish the results of their research in peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters and give presentations to their colleagues and the public. Many also mentor students, training the next generation of scientists. Examples of some of the exciting research conducted by our scientists in FY 10 are: \*Using telescopes & laboratory experiments to understand the complex chemistry that takes place in the clouds of gas and dust between the stars. \*Revealing the strange phenomena that occur in ring systems around planets and in the formation process of planets. \*Exploring remote locations on Earth, from the Arctic to the Antarctic to the Atacama Desert, to understand the ability of life to adapt to extreme environments. \*Searching for planetary systems around other suns. \*Probing the surface and subsurface environments on Mars to reveal the history of the planet and address the questions of whether life is now, or once was, present there.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,767,819 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
The Allen Telescope Array (ATA) is a unique instrument designed to seek out signals from civilizations elsewhere in the universe while simultaneously conducting other radio astronomy research. Science conducted on the array during FY 10 has resulted in several published papers and presentations at scientific meetings. Additionally, since the ATA is the first instrument of its type, we have begun exploring what unique capabilities it may have to augment the United States Air Force Space Command's Space Surveillance mission. The ATA could be an important tool to support this mission in areas such as accurate tracking of GEO satellites and tracking objects during daylight hours. These capabilities could have an important impact on improving the Space Command's Space Surveillance Network and therefore increase the overall safety of space.

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,751,302 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
The Center for Education and Outreach (EDU) at the SETI Institute conducts projects in formal and informal education and public outreach. These projects include curriculum development & teacher professional development, museum exhibit development, and outreach to students, teachers and the general public. The Institute is involved in scientific and educational trade shows, workshops, and courses which share the Institute scientific research. FY 10 was the fifth year of our Astrobiology Research Experience for Undergraduates program, sponsored by the NSF. To date, more than 50% of our REU students are pursuing advanced degrees. Of particular note, the SETI Institute hosts a science radio program, "Big Picture Science" (formerly, "Are We Alone?"), which reaches millions of listeners world-wide through broadcast and download podcasts. In addition, EDU staff present talks nationwide and lead education/outreach programs for NASA's Kepler, SOFIA Missions and NASA's Astrobiology Institute.

- 4d**
- Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 738,111 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ► 14,730,141

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> 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>		✓
<b>22</b> 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>		✓
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>	✓	
<b>24a</b> 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 lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25.</i>		✓
<b>24b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		✓
<b>24c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		✓
<b>24d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		✓
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> 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>		✓
<b>25b</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>		✓
<b>26</b> 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>	✓	
<b>27</b> 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>		✓
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	✓	
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	✓	
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		✓
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	✓	
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		✓
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		✓
<b>32</b> 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>		✓
<b>33</b> 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>		✓
<b>34</b> 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>		✓
<b>35</b> 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>		✓
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		✓
<b>37</b> 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>		✓
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	✓	

**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1a</b> 61	
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b> 0	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<b>1c</b>	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b> 159	
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	<b>2b</b> ✓	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	<b>3a</b>	✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4a</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)?	<b>4a</b>	✓
<b>b</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.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>	✓
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>	✓
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	<b>5c</b>	
<b>6a</b>	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?	<b>6a</b>	✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	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?	<b>7a</b>	✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>	✓
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>	✓
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>	✓
<b>g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>	
<b>h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	<b>7h</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	<b>12b</b>	

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>2</b> 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? . . . . .	<b>2</b>	✓
<b>3</b> 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? . . . . .	<b>3</b>	✓
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .	<b>4</b>	✓
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .	<b>5</b>	✓
<b>6</b> Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .	<b>6</b>	✓
<b>7a</b> Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	✓
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body? . . . . .	<b>8a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	<b>8b</b>	✓
<b>9</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>9a</b>	✓

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .	<b>10a</b>	✓
<b>b</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? . . . . .	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11</b> Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	<b>11</b>	✓
<b>11A</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. . . . .		
<b>12a</b> Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	<b>12a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	<b>12b</b>	✓
<b>c</b> Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done . . . . .	<b>12c</b>	✓
<b>13</b> Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	<b>13</b>	✓
<b>14</b> Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	<b>14</b>	✓
<b>15</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .	<b>15a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	<b>15b</b>	✓
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.) . . . . .		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .	<b>16a</b>	✓
<b>b</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? . . . . .	<b>16b</b>	

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **California**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ 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.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► **Shannon Atkinson, CFO, 189 Bernardo Ave, Mountain View CA 94043, (650) 960-4520**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**
**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (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			
John Gertz Chairman	15+	✓						0	0	0
Andrew Fraknoi Vice-Chairman	5+	✓						0	0	0
Thomas Pierson Secretary & CEO	50+	✓		✓				173,170	0	41,393
Alan Bagley Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Linda Bernardi Trustee	10+	✓						0	0	0
John Billingham Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Baruch Blumberg Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Frank Drake Trustee	20+	✓						0	0	0
Paul Elliot Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Dane Glasgow Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Russ Holdstein Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
David Liddle Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Michael Moradzadeh Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Greg Papadopoulos Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
David Pratt Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0
Pierre Schwob Trustee	1+	✓						0	0	0



**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
William Welch Trustee	10+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Shannon Atkinson Chief Financial Officer	40+			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				132,107	0	25,421
Jill Tarter Director, Center for SETI Research	50+				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			156,632	0	22,736
Jon Jenkins Principle Investigator	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		179,437	0	36,969
Rocco Mancinelli Principle Investigator	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		161,156	0	38,677
Peter Tenenbaum Scientific Programmer	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		150,145	0	21,059
Joseph Twicken Senior Scientific Programmer	40+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		143,831	0	12,950
Karen Randall Director of Special Projects	50+					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		140,374	0	19,843
Joel Birnbaum Trustee	1+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
Gregory Coy Trustee	1+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
<b>1b Total</b>								<b>1,236,852</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>219,048</b>

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶ 32**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
<b>3</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>5</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Mars Institute, PO Box 6, NASA Research Park, Moffett Field, CA 94035	Program logistics & support	444,000
Minex Engineering, 1000 Apollo St. Antioch, CA 94509	ATA design & maint.	227,890
Univ. of California, Berkeley, 2195 Hearst Ave MC 1103, Berkeley, CA 94720	ATA Operations & Maint.	104,540

**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 **▶ 3**

<b>Part VIII Statement of Revenue</b>				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	56,187				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions).	<b>1e</b>	17,212,735				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	920,769				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		1,121,984				
	<b>h</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			18,189,691			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
	<b>2a</b> . . . . .						
	<b>b</b> . . . . .						
	<b>c</b> . . . . .						
	<b>d</b> . . . . .						
	<b>e</b> . . . . .						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . .						
	<b>g</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .						
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .			26,732			26,732
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .						
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .						
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	<b>6a</b> Gross Rents . . . . .						
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses . . . . .						
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory . . . . .	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
				115,787			
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .				205,658		
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .				(89,871)		
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .					(89,871)	(89,871)
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ . . . . . of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .						
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .							
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11a</b> . . . . .							
<b>b</b> . . . . .							
<b>c</b> . . . . .							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .							
<b>12</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . .				18,126,552		(63,139)	

**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).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	551,459	161,457	349,516	40,486
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	8,992,326	7,635,866	1,080,642	275,818
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	549,050	462,286	69,638	17,126
9 Other employee benefits	1,387,435	1,161,722	185,150	40,563
10 Payroll taxes	677,811	565,316	91,095	21,400
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	79,726	14,155	53,993	11,578
c Accounting	46,119	0	46,119	0
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	486,955	310,464	149,530	26,961
14 Information technology	224,530	158,788	61,372	4,370
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	861,120	10,374	850,746	0
17 Travel	755,614	737,142	10,570	7,902
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	111,721	86,806	20,651	4,264
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	470,238	333,829	136,409	0
23 Insurance	31,537	3,000	28,537	0
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 Subcontracts	2,337,328	2,337,328	0	0
b Temporary help & consultants	546,754	468,648	47,911	30,195
c Miscellaneous	317,449	169,256	140,949	7,241
d Lab supplies	114,027	113,704	323	0
e				28,206
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	18,541,199	14,730,141	3,323,154	487,904
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	<b>406,331</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>198,610</b>
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	<b>248,842</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>125,932</b>
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	<b>3,142,249</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,785,364</b>
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	<b>368,000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>168,000</b>
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	<b>186,971</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>168,525</b>
	<b>6</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	<b>303,734</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>416,456</b>
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>9,359,398</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>3,195,148</b>	<b>10c</b>	<b>6,164,250</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	<b>2,929,512</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,755,797</b>
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	<b>13,478,572</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12,782,934</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	<b>1,934,989</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2,188,367</b>
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	<b>870,331</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>327,275</b>
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>468,451</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>318,483</b>
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	<b>3,273,771</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,834,125</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	<b>9,382,389</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8,758,081</b>
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	<b>817,152</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,185,468</b>
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	<b>5,260</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5,260</b>
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .	<b>10,204,801</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9,948,809</b>
	<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .	<b>13,478,572</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12,782,934</b>

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

- 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? . . .
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . .
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . .  
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- d** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:  
☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . .
- 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.

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>	✓	
<b>2b</b>	✓	
<b>2c</b>	✓	
<b>3a</b>	✓	
<b>3b</b>	✓	



**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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	13,226,061	15,217,181	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	82,369,341
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>4</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	13,226,061	15,217,181	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	82,369,341
<b>5</b> 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) . . . . .						1,519,280
<b>6</b> <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4. . . . .						80,850,061

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	13,226,061	15,217,181	17,279,238	18,457,170	18,189,691	82,369,341
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	1,460,404	176,101	92,348	28,516	(63,139)	1,694,230
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . . .						
<b>11</b> <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						84,063,571
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .						0
<b>13</b> <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	96	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	92	%
<b>16a</b> <b>33% support test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>b</b> <b>33% support test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>17a</b> <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>b</b> <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>18</b> <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>			

**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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .						
<b>2</b> 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 . . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2009.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3 % support tests—2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		



**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.

N/A

**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

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Employer identification number

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**2951356**

**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 ▶ \$ **2,500**
- 3 Volunteer hours **0**

**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 ▶ \$ **0**
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ **0**
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

**Part II-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.**B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		2,500													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		2,500													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		18,538,699													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures		18,541,199													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,000,000													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.															
<table border="1"> <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.														
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		250,000													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No												

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	993,292	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,993,292
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					5,898,938
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	62,686	38,085	30,000	2,500	133,271
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	248,328	250,000	250,000	250,000	998,328
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,497,492
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	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)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
<b>i</b> Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**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.

N/A

**Part IV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

N/A

Area with horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year . . . . .		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year) . . . . .		
4 Aggregate value at end of year . . . . .		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06 . . . . .	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► . . . . .

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► . . . . .

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► . . . . .

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ . . . . .

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ► \$ . . . . .

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ► \$ . . . . .

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ► \$ . . . . .

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ► \$ . . . . .

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition                   | <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research                  | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other .....               |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations |   |
- 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:

<b>c</b> Beginning balance . . . . .	<b>1c</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year . . . . .	<b>1d</b>
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year . . . . .	<b>1e</b>
<b>f</b> Ending balance . . . . .	<b>1f</b>

- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . .	<b>5,260</b>	<b>5,260</b>			
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .	<b>5,260</b>	<b>5,260</b>			

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:**

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ ..... %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ ..... 100 %
- c Term endowment ▶ ..... %

- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
3a(i)		✓
3a(ii)		✓
3b		

- |                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| (i) unrelated organizations | ..... |
| (ii) related organizations  | ..... |

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

- 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .		<b>24,200</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>24,017</b>
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		<b>9,335,198</b>	<b>3,194,965</b>	<b>6,140,233</b>
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . . ▶				<b>6,164,250</b>

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

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

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13.[illegible]**Part IX** **Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

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

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

1.	(a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
	Federal income taxes	
	<b>Unitrust Payable</b>	<b>318,483</b>
	<b>Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25) ►</b>	<b>318,483</b>

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



**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	18,126,552
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	18,541,199
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(414,647)
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	158,655
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	158,655
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	(255,992)

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	18,285,207
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	158,654
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	158,655
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	18,126,552
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	18,126,552

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	18,541,199
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	18,541,199

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

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

The SETI Institute intends to establish a permanent endowment to ensure that future generations can continue to

foster the excitement of our mission and help to answer the questions about life in the universe. The current balance

of our permanently restricted net assets were donated to the Institute in 2000 and represent the first funds set aside

for our future endowment.

**Part XIV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

N/A

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

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

Compensated Employees

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**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.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of 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.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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? . . . . .
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . .
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? . . . . .

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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? . . . . .
- b** Any related organization? . . . . .

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? . . . . .
- b** Any related organization? . . . . .

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 . . . . .

**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 . . . . .

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . .

Yes No

1b

2

4a

4b

4c

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

8

9



**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.

N/A

**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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

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

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

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

- 2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 . . . . . ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

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

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Thomas Pierson, Home mortgage		✓	343,713	168,525		✓	✓		✓	
<b>Total</b> . . . . .				► \$ 168,525						

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

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

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

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
William Welch	Trustee	0	Consultant, on-going grant		✓
Jill Tarter	Wife of Trustee	179,368	Employee		✓

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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

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**Noncash Contributions**

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

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	✓	78,128		
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ► ( . Trvl & Equipm't . . )	✓	579,714		
26 Other ► ( . SETIquest producl . . )	✓	64,128		
27 Other ► ( . PV of future gifts . . )	✓	19,514		
28 Other ► ( . Pledges . . . . . )	✓	380,500		

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . . 29 0

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

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

N/A



**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

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

► Attach to Form 990.

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FORM 990, Part III, Statement of Program Service Accomplishments, line 4d, Program Services:

The Center for SETI Research (CSR) is conducting the most comprehensive project dedicated to answering the question,

"Are we alone?" Astronomers are using the Allen Telescope Array to search for signs of intelligent extraterrestrial life.

During FY 10 we continued to conduct sky survey observations of the Galactic Center region and targeted observations

of interesting selected stars. CSR also began to organize a new program known as setiQuest. Stemming from the TED

award won by Dr. Jill Tarter in 2009, this program is being designed to better involve the general public in our exciting

work in a variety of ways. Additionally, in FY 10 the CSR technical staff performed a comprehensive upgrade of the CSR

technology in order to take advantage of upgraded hardware donated from both Dell Corporation and Google. Each year

CSR give dozens of presentations to a variety of audiences in order to inform both their scientific peers and the general

public about thier work and accomplishments. CSR staff and their work also appeared in countless science

documentaries and television & radio programs. The CSR staff published several peer reviewed papers and wrote, or

were featured in, popular articles during FY 10.

FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, line 11A, Procedure for Board review of Form 990.

When the form is completed, and prior to submission to the IRS, the form 990 is reviewed by a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees. Upon approval by this subcommittee, the form 990 is finalized and distributed to the full Board for information and comment and is mailed to the IRS.

FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, lines 12 b & c, Monitor & Compliance with Conflict of Interest Policy:

The SETI Institute has a formal conflict of interest questionnaire that is designed to identify possible conflicts of interest among our Trustees. This questionnaire is distributed annually and Trustees are required to complete it and return it to the Board Secretary. The Secretary, in conjunction with the Trusteeship Committee Chairperson, reviews each questionnaire, conducts interviews when needed, and communicates any identified conflicts to the full Board.

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FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, lines 15 a & b, Approval of Officer's Compensation.

The SETI Institute uses a professionally prepared compensation study to determine appropriate compensation levels for all employees. When changes to any officer's compensation amount is proposed, the Board, in executive session, reviews the proposed change and approves it by formal board resolution prior to it being granted.

FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section B, line 19, Distribution of Financial Statements and Governing Documents.

The SETI Institute distributes its financial information to the public via Dun and Bradstreet and other outside websites, such as Guidestar. We also make our form 990 and financial statements available upon request. Governing documents may also be made available upon request.

FORM 990, Part VI, Governance, Management & Disclosure, Section A, line 2, Family or Business Relationships between Trustees, Officers, Directors & Key Employees

SETI Institute Trustee Dr. William Welch is married to Key Employee Dr. Jill Tarter.