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Form <b>990</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	<b>Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax</b>  <b>Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)</b>  ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	OMB No 1545-0047
		<b>2010</b>
		<b>Open to Public Inspection</b>

<b>A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2010 and ending 12-31-2010</b>		
<b>B</b> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA	<b>D Employer identification number</b>  26-0317208
	Doing Business As	<b>E Telephone number</b>  (651) 647-2643
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 1600 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST	Room/suite
	<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 456,996	
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 SAINT PAUL, MN 55104	
	<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer DENISE CARDINAL 1600 UNIVERSITY AVE W 309B SAINT PAUL, MN 55104	<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J Website:</b> ▶ WWW.ALLIANCEMINNESOTA.ORG		
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation 2007
		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile MN

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Summary</b>
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Activities & Governance	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities BUILDS SOCIAL, RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE & GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY THROUGH COMMUNITY ORGANIZING,EDUCATION,ADVOCACY & ELECTORAL POLITICS IN MN THIS INCLUDES DEVELOPING PROGRESSIVE IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE WITH RESEARCH SERVES AS THE ROUNDTABLE FOR COORDINATED COMMUNICATION BY A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHARE COMMON GOALS & MISSIONS TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES & SPEAK WITH A UNIFIED VOICE		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .	<b>3</b>	7
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	6
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	3	
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	<b>6</b>	0	
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	0	
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
Revenue	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	<b>Prior Year</b> 283,887	<b>Current Year</b> 454,280
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .		2,716
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d ) . . . . .		0
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	283,887	456,996
	Expenses	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 ) . . . . .	
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .			0
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		125,533	124,723
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .			0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶50,598			
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f) . . . . .		213,936	347,875
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		339,469	472,598
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .		-55,582	-15,602
Net Assets or Fund Balances		<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	34,928	21,326
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .		2,000
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	34,928	19,326

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Signature Block</b>
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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.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer		2011-08-29 Date		
	DENISE CARDINAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name PEGGY AHOLA CPA	Preparer's signature PEGGY AHOLA CPA	Date 2011-09-15	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ AHOLA MACK & ASSOCIATES LTD				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶ 1815 NORTHWESTERN AVE S STE 4 STILLWATER, MN 550826523				Phone no ▶ (651) 430-1064

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

## Part III



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## BUILDS SOCIAL, RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

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If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

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If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .		No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instruction)?  . . . . .	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I  . . . . .	Yes	
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .		No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II . . . . .		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV . . . . .		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.  . . . . .	Yes	
b 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.		No
c 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.		No
d 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.		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.  . . . . .	Yes	
f 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 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV . . . . .		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		No
18 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 . . . . .		No
19 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 . . . . .		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? <b>Note.</b> Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . .</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25 . . . . .</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . .	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . .	24d		
25a	<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>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . .</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1 . . . . .</i>	34	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .	35		No
a	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . .</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
36	<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>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

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			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	5	
	b. Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0	
c. Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	3	
	b. If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?			2b
<b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).				
3a. Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?			3a	No
b. If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.			3b	
4a. At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			4a	No
b. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.				
5a. Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			5a	No
b. Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b	No
c. If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			5c	
6a. Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?			6a	Yes
b. If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b	Yes
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
a. Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a	No
b. If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b	
c. Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c	No
d. If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.			7d	
e. Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e	No
f. Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f	No
g. If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g	
h. If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			7h	
8. <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?			8	
9. <b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
a. Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a	
b. Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b	
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter				
a. Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.			10a	
b. Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.			10b	
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter				
a. Gross income from members or shareholders.			11a	
b. Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).			11b	
12a. <b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a	
b. If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.			12b	
13. <b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
a. Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			13a	
b. Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.			13b	
c. Enter the amount of reserves on hand.			13c	
14a. Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			14a	No
b. If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.			14b	

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management			Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 7		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 6		
<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>		No
<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>		No
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .	<b>4</b>		No
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .	<b>5</b>		No
<b>6</b>	Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .	<b>6</b>		No
<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>		No
<b>b</b>	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		No
<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>	Yes	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	<b>8b</b>	Yes	
<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>9</b>		No

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>		No
<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>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	<b>11a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</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>	Yes	
<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>	Yes	
<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>	Yes	
<b>13</b>	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	<b>13</b>	Yes	
<b>14</b>	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	<b>14</b>	Yes	
<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>	Yes	
<b>b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	<b>15b</b>	Yes	
	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>		No
<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	
<b>17</b>	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <b>►</b> MN
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
<b>19</b>	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
<b>20</b>	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization <b>►</b> DENISE CARDINAL 1600 UNIVERSITY AVE W 309B ST PAUL, MN 55104 (651) 647-2643

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

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## Part VII

<b>1b</b>	<b>Sub-Total . . . . .</b>			
<b>c</b>	<b>Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . .</b>			
<b>d</b>	<b>Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .</b>	82,154		6,808

**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: 0

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

## 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

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 ►0

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections  512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . . . . 1a						
	b Membership dues . . . . . 1b						
	c Fundraising events . . . . . 1c						
	d Related organizations . . . . . 1d						
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e						
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f			454,280			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶			454,280			
	Program Service Revenue				Business Code		
2a REGISTRATION FEES			611430	2,716			
b							
c							
d							
e							
f All other program service revenue							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶				2,716			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶						
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶						
	5 Royalties . . . . . ▶						
				(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	6a Gross Rents						
	b Less rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶						
				(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory						
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c Gain or (loss)						
	d Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . a						
	b Less direct expenses . . . . . b						
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶						
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . a						
	b Less direct expenses . . . . . b						
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶						
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . a						
	b Less cost of goods sold . . . . . b						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
	Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code			
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue . . . . .							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶							
12 Total revenue. See Instructions . . . . . ▶				456,996	2,716		

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
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 . . . . .	54,238	37,967	8,136	8,135
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	57,735	40,415	8,660	8,660
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
9	Other employee benefits . . . . .	3,711	2,597	557	557
10	Payroll taxes . . . . .	9,039	6,360	1,348	1,331
a	Fees for services (non-employees)				
	Management . . . . .	35,386	24,771	5,308	5,307
b	Legal . . . . .	22,776	15,943	3,417	3,416
c	Accounting . . . . .	9,418	6,592	1,413	1,413
d	Lobbying . . . . .				
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
f	Investment management fees . . . . .				
g	Other . . . . .	229,327	201,836	13,746	13,745
12	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	11,627	8,139	1,744	1,744
13	Office expenses . . . . .	3,080	2,156	462	462
14	Information technology . . . . .	12,220	9,915	994	1,311
15	Royalties . . . . .				
16	Occupancy . . . . .	8,076	5,653	1,212	1,211
17	Travel . . . . .	4,430	2,394	523	1,513
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	8,380	5,803	1,257	1,320
20	Interest . . . . .				
21	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	2,212	1,548	332	332
23	Insurance . . . . .	690	484	103	103
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O )				
a	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	253	177	38	38
b					
c					
d					
e					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	472,598	372,750	49,250	50,598
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .			24,037	1	17,609
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .				2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .			4,963	4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers, and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Schedule L . . . . .				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .				9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	8,863			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	10b	5,146	5,928	10c	3,717
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				13	
	14	Intangible assets . . . . .				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .			34,928	16	21,326	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .				17	
	18	Grants payable . . . . .				18	
	19	Deferred revenue . . . . .				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .				24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .				25	2,000
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .			0	26	2,000
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets . . . . .				27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .				28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .			34,928	32	19,326
	33	Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .			34,928	33	19,326
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .			34,928	34	21,326	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	456,996
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	472,598
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-15,602
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	34,928
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	19,326

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		No
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		
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 separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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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Inspection

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

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

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

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

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35a (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of the organization  
ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA

Employer identification number

26-0317208

Part I-A

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

- 1

Provide a description of the organization’s direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2

Political expenditures ▶ \$
- 3

Volunteer hours

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 ▶ \$
- 2

Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3

If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?
- 4a

Was a correction made?
- b

If “Yes,” describe in Part IV

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part I-C

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

- 1

Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2

Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities ▶ \$
- 3

Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4

Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?
- 5

Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments 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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

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

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

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

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

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

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

Part III-B

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

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

Part IV

Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt I-A Line 1		NONE



SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

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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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA

Employer identification number  
26-0317208

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)  
☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure) ☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area  
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure  
☐ Preservation of open space

2

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

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

3

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

4

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

5

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

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8

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

9

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

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

1a

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

b

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

(i)

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2

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

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Part III

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

3

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

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

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

5

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

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

1a

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

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

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance . . . . .				
b	Contributions . . . . .				
c	Investment earnings or losses . . . . .				
d	Grants or scholarships . . . . .				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .				
f	Administrative expenses . . . . .				
g	End of year balance . . . . .				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

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

(i)

unrelated organizations . . . . .

(ii)

related organizations . . . . .

b

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a	Land . . . . .			
b	Buildings . . . . .			
c	Leasehold improvements . . . . .			
d	Equipment . . . . .	8,863	5,146	3,717
e	Other . . . . .			
Total.	Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶			3,717



Part XI

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

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

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	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . . .	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .	4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	5	

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	1	
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	
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	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	5	

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, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

Open to Public  
Inspection

<b>Name of the organization</b> ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA	<b>Employer identification number</b> 26-0317208
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI-B, Line 11a		A COPY OF THE 990 WAS DISTRIBUTED AT A BOARD MEETING, WAS DISCUSSED AND APPROVED

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI-B, Line 12c		DISCLOSURES ARE REQUIRED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt V-I-B, Line 15		A BOARD MEMBER DOES A SURVEY WHICH IS DISCUSSED AT THE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		ANNUAL MEETING, DURING THIS TIME THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		IS EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI-C, Line 19		THESE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 4d		MESSAGE COORDINATION WITH SEVERAL PROGRESSIVE GROUPS 75790 0 0

SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.  
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)					
(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled organization	
						Yes	No
(1) ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MN EDUCATION FUND  1600 UNIVERSITY AVE W SUITE 309B  ST PAUL, MN 55104 26-0317135	EDUC PUBLIC ON ISSUES OF PUBLIC CONCERN	MN	501(c)(3)	9	NA		No
(2) ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MN 527  1600 UNIVERSITY AVE W SUITE 309  ST PAUL, MN 55104 26-1093852	HOLD ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE	MN	527		NA		No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproporionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35A, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h Exchange of assets

i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)

k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n Sharing of paid employees

o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

1b

1c

1d

1e

1f

1g

1h

1i

1j

1k

1l

1m

1n

1o

1p

1q

1r

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA EDUCATION FUND	p	92,634	DEPOSITS
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Schedule R (Form 990) 2010

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

[illegible]

**Part VII**   **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Form

4562

Depreciation and Amortization  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2010

Attachment  
Sequence No 67

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)

See separate instructions. Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA	Business or activity to which this form relates  Form 990 / Form 990EZ	Identifying number  26-0317208
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses . . . . .	1	\$ 500,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions) . . . . .	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions) . . . . .	3	\$ 2,000,000
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions . . . . .	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29 . . . . .	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7 . . . . .	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8 . . . . .	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2009 Form 4562 . . . . .	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions) . . . . .	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11 . . . . .	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2011 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .	13	

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

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property ) (See instructions )

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election . . . . .	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS) . . . . .	16	571

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

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2010 . . . . .	17	1,641
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here . . . . .		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2010 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System						
(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2010 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System						
20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28 . . . . .	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions . . . . .	22	2,212
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs . . . . .	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)  
**Note:** For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

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

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person  
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

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

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

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

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

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) A mortization period or percentage	(f) A mortization for this year
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2010 tax year (see instructions)					
43 A mortization of costs that began before your 2010 tax year				43	
44 <b>Total.</b> Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	

Additional Data

Software ID: 10000104  
Software Version:  
EIN: 26-0317208  
Name: ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER MINNESOTA

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services			
(Code	) (Expenses \$	75,790 including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$ )
MESSAGE COORDINATION WITH SEVERAL PROGRESSIVE GROUPS			