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Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

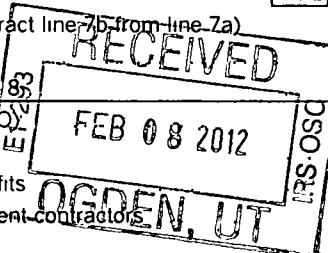
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

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

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A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning		Jul 1	, 2010, and ending	Jun 30	, 2011
B Check if applicable		C Name of organization			D Employer identification number
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Public Assets Institute, Inc.				16-1703662
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite			E Telephone number
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	P.O. Box 942				(802) 223-6677
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4				F Group Exemption Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	Montpelier	VT 05601			
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending					
G Accounting Method. <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ►					H Check ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)
I Website: ► www.publicassets.org					
J Tax-exempt status (ck only one) — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ► (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527					
K Check ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return					
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 188,381.					
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)					
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	175,567.		
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	12,000.		
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3			
	4 Investment income	4	814.		
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b			
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c			
	6 Gaming and fundraising events				
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a			
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b			
	c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c			
	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d			
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
	b Less cost of goods sold	7b			
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8			
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 	9	188,381.		
EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10			
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11			
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	195,402.		
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	10,053.		
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	20,689.		
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,053.		
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	13,052.		
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	242,249.		
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-53,868.		
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	183,845.		
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20				
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	129,977.			

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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	178,887.	22 126,023.
23 Land and buildings	0.	23 0.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) <u>See L-24 Stmt</u>)	5,083.	24 3,954.
25 Total assets	183,970.	25 129,977.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) <u>See L-26 Stmt</u>)	125.	26 0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	183,845.	27 129,977.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instrs for Part III.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Inform citizens about governmental policies

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

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28 <u>PAI informed the public about governmental policies through updated information on its website, 24 presentations, 13 press releases, 6 newsletters, 19 Op-Eds, 26 blogs, 7 reports, 12 job briefs, and one conference.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28a	179,506.
29 _____			
30 _____			
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)	<input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	32	179,506.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<u>Paul Cillo</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>President</u> 34.00	<u>71,066.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
<u>Carlen Finn</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>Treasurer</u> 2.00	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
<u>Linda Markin</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>Chair</u> 2.00	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
<u>Marion Milne</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>Director</u> 1.00	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
<u>Cheryl Mitchell</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>Director</u> 1.00	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
<u>Sheila Reed, Esq.</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>Secretary</u> 2.00	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
<u>David Tucker</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>Vice Chair</u> 2.00	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
<u>Con Hogan</u> PO Box 942 Montpelier VT 05601	<u>Director</u> 2.00	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O Yes No
33

34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions) Yes No
34

35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T Yes No
35

a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? Yes No
35a

b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year (see instructions)? Yes No
35b

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N Yes No
36

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► **37a** 0.
37a

b Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
37b

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? Yes No
38a

b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved Yes No
38b

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter: Yes No
39a

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 Yes No
39a

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities Yes No
39b

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► **0.**, section 4912 ► **0.**, section 4955 ► **0.** Yes No
40a

b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I Yes No
40b

c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► **0.** Yes No
40c

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► **0.** Yes No
40d

e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T Yes No
40e

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► Yes No
41

42a The organization's books are in care of ► **Denice K. Brown** Telephone no ► **(802) 225-8907**
Located at ► **28 Barre Street, Suite 2** Montpelier VT ZIP + 4 ► **05602** Yes No
42a

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ► Yes No
42b

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ► Yes No
42c

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** – Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► **43** Yes No
43

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ Yes No
44a

b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ Yes No
44b

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? Yes No
44c

d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O Yes No
44d

45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

	Yes	No
45		X
45a		X
46		X

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)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see inst.)

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47	X	
48	X	
49a	X	

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<u>None</u>				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ► _____

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

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

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ► _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

► Yes No

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	Date	
	► <u>Paul Cillo</u>	2/2/12	
	Type or print name and title	President	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	<u>Wallace W. Tapia, CPA</u>	<u>Wallace W. Tapia, CPA Jan. 17, 2012</u>	
	Firm's name ►	<u>Wallace W. Tapia PC</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed
	Firm's address ►	<u>131 Main St 8th Fl</u>	
	<u>Burlington</u>		
	VT 05401	Firm's EIN ►	
		Phone no (802) 863-6370	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

► Yes No

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Form 990-EZ (2010)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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Name of the organization

Public Assets Institute, Inc.

Employer identification number

16-1703662

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions — subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)** See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

<input type="checkbox"/> a Type I	<input type="checkbox"/> b Type II	<input type="checkbox"/> c Type III – Functionally integrated	<input type="checkbox"/> d Type III – Other
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- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

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

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

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants')	115,787.	283,011.	220,059.	228,673.	175,567.	1,023,097.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	115,787.	283,011.	220,059.	228,673.	175,567.	1,023,097.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						713,074.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						310,023.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	115,787.	283,011.	220,059.	228,673.	175,567.	1,023,097.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on		3,437.	3,327.	1,419.	814.	8,997.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1,032,094.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	68,050.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	30.04%
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	29.08%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
b 33-1/3% support test – 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		► <input type="checkbox"/>

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ►

1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants')

2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose

3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513

4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf

5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge

6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5

7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons

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

c Add lines 7a and 7b

8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)

	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7a						
b						
c						
8						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ►

9 Amounts from line 6

10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources

b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975

c Add lines 10a and 10b

11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on

12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)

13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10, 11, and 12)

	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9						
10a						
b						
c						
11						
12						
13						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%
19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2010. 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 33-1/3% support tests – 2009. 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"/>		
20 Private foundation. 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. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Pt II Line 17a: Public Assets Institute, Inc. is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan organization whose tax-exempt Section 501(c)(3) status was recognized by the Internal Revenue Service in 2006. In addition, since its inception, the Organization has continued to be classified as a publicly supported organization (a "public charity") as described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Despite the fact that the Organization has recently fallen short of the one-third level of public support normally required for such classification, Public Assets Institute, Inc. believes itself to continue to qualify as a publicly supported organization by virtue of the "facts and circumstances" test outlined in Regs. Sec. 1.170A-9(e)(3) owing to its public outreach efforts including its website, newsletters, blogs, Op-Eds, and other public dissemination of educational materials. In addition, the Organization's governing Board is comprised of a diverse group of individuals drawn from the public at large, with each member offering a unique set of skills, perspectives, and capabilities to the Organization.

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 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 organization	Employer identification number
Public Assets Institute, Inc.	16-1703662

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

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV ► \$ _____
- 2 Political expenditures ► \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours ► \$ _____

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

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
- 5 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

(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-
(1)	-----			
(2)	-----			
(3)	-----			
(4)	-----			
(5)	-----			
(6)	-----			

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

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			
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.)

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 nontaxable 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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
c Media advertisements?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			600.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
i Other activities? If 'Yes,' describe in Part IV		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i				600.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?				
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912				
c If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912				
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?				

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

Part II-B, Lines 1b & 1g President Paul Cillo and Senior Policy Analyst John I. Hoffman, III devoted a total of 12 hours to lobbying with respect to budget transparency initiatives, income tax policy, school funding, and tax/budget issues with Vermont State legislators during the fiscal year.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Public Assets Institute, Inc.

16-1703662

See attached schedule for details.

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

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

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Attachment
Sequence No 67

Name(s) shown on return

Public Assets Institute, Inc.

Business or activity to which this form relates

Form 990 / Form 990EZ

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 instructions)	1		
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		
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 instrs)	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

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	979.
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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
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?		Yes	No	24b If 'Yes,' is the evidence written?		Yes	No	
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
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 (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
	Yes	No										
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?												
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) <i>Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles</i>		

Part VI Amortization

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

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 Other Expenses

Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)

<u>Conferences & meetings</u>	<u>455.</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>979.</u>
<u>Dues and subscriptions</u>	<u>1,488.</u>
<u>Information technology</u>	<u>619.</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>1,148.</u>
<u>Office expenses</u>	<u>3,238.</u>
<u>Travel</u>	<u>5,125.</u>
 Total	 <u>13,052.</u>

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ
Form 990-EZ, Page 1, Part II, Line 24

Line 24 - Other Assets:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
<u>Security deposit</u>	<u>1,509.</u>	<u>1,509.</u>
<u>Equipment, book value</u>	<u>3,424.</u>	<u>2,445.</u>
<u>Employee advance</u>	<u>150.</u>	<u>0.</u>
 Total	 <u>5,083.</u>	 <u>3,954.</u>

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ
Form 990-EZ, Page 1, Part II, Line 26

Line 26 - Total Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
<u>Accrued expenses</u>	<u>125.</u>	<u>0.</u>
 Total	 <u>125.</u>	 <u>0.</u>

Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

**Do not complete Part II unless** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension – check this box and complete Part I only

*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICS, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns*

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of exempt organization Public Assets Institute, Inc.	Employer identification number 16-1703662
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P O box, see instructions P.O. Box 942	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions Montpelier	VT 05601

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ► Denice K. Brown

FAX No ►

Telephone No ► (802) 225-8907

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box



- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . If this is for the whole group, check this box ► If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for



1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time

until Feb 15, 20 12, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above

The extension is for the organization's return for

- calendar year 20 or
- tax year beginning Jul 1, 20 10, and ending Jun 30, 20 11

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	3a \$ 0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b \$ 0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	3c \$ 0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

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