



See a Social Security Number? Say Something!  
Report Privacy Problems to <https://public.resource.org/privacy>  
Or call the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490



## CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

## Short Form

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2012

Open to Public Inspection

Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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. 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.

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning NOV 1, 2012 and ending DEC 31, 2012

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Terminated  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

UNITED POWER FOR ACTION AND JUSTICE, INC

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

4848 N. CLARK STREET

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

CHICAGO, IL 60640

D Employer identification number

36-4205738

E Telephone number

312-965-6505

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I Website: WWW.UNITED-POWER.ORG

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(4) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 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

\$ 66,104.

## 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 ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	33,880.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	2,500.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	29,714.
	4	Investment income	4	10.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	6	
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
6b	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		
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d	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		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	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	66,104.	
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	24,333.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	2,504.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	525.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	901.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	25,210.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	53,473.
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	12,631.
	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	18,303.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	30,934.

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990-EZ (2012)

**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	46,440.	22	33,494.
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	46,440.	25	33,494.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	28,137.	26	2,560.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	18,303.	27	30,934.

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28	A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO ACTING ON SOCIAL VALUES AND WORKING FOR A JUST SOCIETY BY STANDING FOR THE WHOLE,		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28a	45,154.
29			
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29a	
30			
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30a	
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
	(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	45,154.

**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 title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
THOMAS LENZ LEAD ORGANIZER	40.00	15,833.	0.	0.
RABBI MARC BELGRAD DIRECTOR	1.00	0.	0.	0.
JOHN BOUMAN DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
NICK BRUNICK DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
HORATIO ESPARZA DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
ALEC HARRIS DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
RICHARD FUNG DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
ARTURO GONZALEZ DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
KATHELEEN KEARNS DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
SAMUEL DE LA ROSA DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
MAGGIE PERALES DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.
GREG PIERCE DIRECTOR	2.00	0.	0.	0.

**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V ☒

	Yes	No
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>34</b> 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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	N/A	
<b>c</b> Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>36</b> 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0.
<b>b</b> Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>38a</b> 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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A
<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	N/A
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	N/A
<b>40a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A; section 4912 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A; section 4955 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
<b>b</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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c</b> 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.
<b>d</b> Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		0.
<b>e</b> 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IL		
<b>42a</b> The organization's books are in care of <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THOMAS LENZ Telephone no. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 312-965-6505		
Located at <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4848 N. CLARK STREET, CHICAGO, IL ZIP + 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60640		
<b>b</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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>43</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 43 N/A		
<b>44a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>d</b> If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>45a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>45b</b> 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 instructions)		

	Yes	No
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	46	X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations 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 ☐

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

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

(a) Name and title of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
N/A				

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

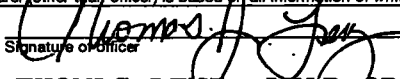
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None." N/A

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation


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 May 8, 2011

☐ THOMAS LENZ, LEAD ORGANIZER  
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	A.S. Ruzicka		5-7-11		P00446466
	Firm's name ▶ RUZICKA & ASSOCIATES, LTD.	Firm's EIN ▶ 36-3182496			
	Firm's address ▶ 333 SKOKIE BOULEVARD #105 NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	Phone no. (847) 446-6400			

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

**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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

UNITED POWER FOR ACTION AND JUSTICE, INC

Employer identification number

36-4205738

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

**AMOUNT:**

INTEREST

10.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:**

**DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:**

**AMOUNT:**

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

7,050.

PAYROLL TAXES

2,167.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

10,000.

CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

790.

STAFF FIELD EXPENSES

1,573.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

3,000.

TELEPHONE

456.

OFFICE SUPPLIES

147.

OTHER

27.

**TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16**

**25,210.**

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:**

**DESCRIPTION**

**BEG. OF YEAR**

**END OF YEAR**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

28,137.

2,560.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - TO FIGHT FOR SOCIAL**

**JUSTICE AND THE COMMON GOOD ON ISSUES OF SHARED CONCERN**

**FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:**

**THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,**

**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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

UNITED POWER FOR ACTION AND JUSTICE, INC

Employer identification number

36-4205738

OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,

OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

