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Form 990

OMB No 1545-0047

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2012

Open to Public
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 9/01, 2012, and ending 8/31, 2013

B Check if applicable

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

C
 PUBLIC COUNSEL
 610 S. ARDMORE AVENUE
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

D Employer Identification Number

23-7105149

E Telephone number

213-385-2977

G Gross receipts \$ 13,951,221.

F Name and address of principal officer HERNAN D. VERA

SAME AS C ABOVE

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ NoH(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: WWW.PUBLICCOUNSEL.ORG

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of Formation 1970

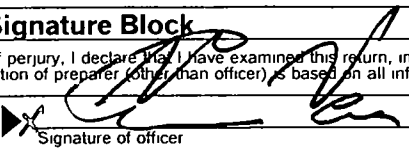
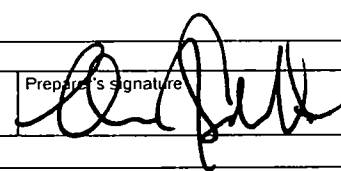
M State of legal domicile CA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	ADVANCING EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW BY DELIVERING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENT AND UNDERREPRESENTED CHILDREN AND ADULTS, ENSURING THAT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE LEGAL SUPPORT, AND MOBILIZING THE PRO BONO RESOURCES OF THE PRIVATE BAR.	
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	77
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	77
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	135
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	5,174
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
Revenue	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9,300,993.	8,451,671.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	691,123.	718,791.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	269,857.	450,396.
Expenses	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	-192,301.	1,246,833.
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	10,069,672.	10,867,691.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	7,896,715.	8,454,120.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 819,862.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,606,405.	1,567,525.
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	9,503,120.	10,021,645.
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	566,552.	846,046.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	13,061,092.	13,438,220.	
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,377,849.	1,070,844.	
		10,683,243.	12,367,376.	

Part II Signature Block

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 2/13/14		
	HERNAN D. VERA Type or print name and title		PRESIDENT & CEO		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature 	Date 2/12/14	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00637812
	Firm's name ▶ RBZ LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 95-3439541	
	Firm's address ▶ 11766 WILSHIRE BLVD NINTH FL LOS ANGELES, CA 90025			Phone no (310) 478-4148	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

☒ X

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

SEE SCHEDULE O

- 2**
- Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

- 3**
- Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O

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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 2,391,994. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 54,074.)

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF ATTORNEYS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL WORK
INTERNS WORK WITH PRO BONO ATTORNEYS AND LAW STUDENTS TO EMPOWER CHILDREN AND TO MEET
THEIR WIDE RANGE OF NEEDS IN CIVIL LEGAL MATTERS, INCLUDING GUARDIANSHIP, EDUCATION
RIGHTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, EMANCIPATION, AND TEEN PARENTING. WE
ALSO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE TERMINALLY ILL, AND
ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. AS PART OF OUR WORK WITH
CHILDREN, OUR ADOPTIONS UNIT REPRESENTS PARENTS ADOPTING CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE
SYSTEM.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,575,932. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 35,626.)

SEE SCHEDULE O

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,069,352. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 453,320.)

SEE SCHEDULE O

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O

(Expenses \$ 3,349,798. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 175,771.)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 8,387,076.

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	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
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		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations 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	X	
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		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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		X
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		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, 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		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
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	X	
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		X
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		X
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		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		X
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	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII		X
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 and XII is optional	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
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 United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
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 United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
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)		X
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	X	
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		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
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>		X
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>		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J</i>	X	
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, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25</i>		X
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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>		X
25b 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>		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest 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>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
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):		
28a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28c 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>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>	X	
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>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
35b If 'Yes' to line 35a, 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>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
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>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1 a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1 a 29		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1 b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1 c	X	
2 a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2 a 135		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2 b	X	
3 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3 a		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3 b		
4 a 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)?	4 a		X
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.			
5 a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5 a		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5 b		X
c If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5 c		
6 a 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 as charitable contributions?	6 a		X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6 b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
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?	7 a	X	
b If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7 b	X	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7 c		X
d If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7 d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7 e		X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7 f		X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7 g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7 h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. 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 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9 a		
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9 b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10 a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10 b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders.	11 a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11 b		
12 a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12 a		
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12 b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13 a		
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.	13 b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13 c		
14 a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14 a		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14 b		

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1 a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	77	
1 b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	77	
2 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?		X
3 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?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? SEE SCHEDULE O	X	
7 a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? SEE SCHEDULE O	X	
7 b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9 Is there any officer, director or 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		X

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ CA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year SEE SCHEDULE O

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization

▶ SHARI BARTZ-C/O PUBLIC COUNSEL 610 S ARDMORE LOS ANGELES CA 90005 213-385-2977

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1 a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ROBERT SCOULAR BOARD CHAIR	5 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) CHRISTOPHER A MURPHY BOARD VICECHAIR	3 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) DANIEL CLIVNER BOARD SECRETARY	2 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) PAUL SWEENEY, JR. BOARD TREASURER	2 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) RAND S. APRIL PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) WAYNE M. BARSKY PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) KARLENE GOLLER PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) MATTHEW T. HEARTNEY PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) DAVID G. JOHNSON PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) STEPHEN E. PICKETT PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) ROMAN SILBERFELD PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) GAIL MIGDAL TITLE PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) MARTIN S. ZOHNN PAST CHAIR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) MANUAL A ABASCAL DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
CORY COPELAND DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
ANDRE J. CRONTHALL DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
DYAN A. DECKER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
BERT H. DEIXLER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MARK H. EPSTEIN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
RICHARD C. FINKELMAN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL J. FINNEGAN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
WILLIAM FLUMENBAUM DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
LAURENCE R. GOLDMAN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
DANIEL GRUNFELD DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MARK E. HADDAD DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
DAN HATCH DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
YAKUB HAZZARD DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MELISSA D. INGALLS DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
JOHN KARACZYNSKI DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
LOUIS A. KARASIK DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
PETER J. KENNEDY DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
JESSIE KOHLER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
TONY LEE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
JEROME L. LEVINE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MATTHEW P. LEWIS DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
TINA LIN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
DAVID R. LIRA DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MARCELLUS ANTONIO MCRAE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MARTIN R. MELONE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
SALVADOR L. MENDOZA DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
ROBERT A. MEYER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
STEVEN A. NISSEN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
THOMAS J. NOLAN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
DAVID E. NOLTE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
NEIL R. O'HANLON DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
CHARLES E. PATTERSON DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
LAURA R. PETROFF DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
BARRY PORTER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
WILLIAM T. QUICKSILVER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
PHILIP R. RECHT DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
TIMOTHY D. REUBEN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
JOHN A. ROGOVIN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
RICK R. ROTHMAN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
THEODORE A. RUSSELL DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MARC L. SALLUS DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MARK A. SAMUELS DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
DAVID L. SCHRADER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
JEFF E. SCOTT DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
PATRICIA SINCLAIR DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL S. SPINDLER DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL H. STEINBERG DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
BRIAN R. STRANGE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
RANDALL J. SUNSHINE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
ROBERT S. WOLFE DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
KENNETH ZIFFREN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
DAPHNA EDWARDS ZIMAN DIRECTOR	1 0	X						0.	0.	0.
HERNAN D. VERA PRESIDENT & CEO	60 0			X				189,063.	0.	8,871.
SHARI BARTZ VP, FIN & OP	55 0			X				132,614.	0.	14,994.
PAUL L. FREESE, JR VICE PRESIDENT	55 0					X		148,894.	0.	6,627.
TRACY RICE DIR OF DEVELOPMENT	55 0					X		138,338.	0.	10,499.
ELIZABETH BLUESTEIN VP & GC	55 0					X		131,832.	0.	10,318.
MARTHA MATTHEWS DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55 0					X		125,931.	0.	11,000.
CATHERINE LHAMON DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55 0					X		112,828.	0.	12,382.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(15) TANYA M. ACKER DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(16) LAURA M. AHART DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(17) JONATHAN H. ANSHELL DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(18) STEVEN D. ARCHER DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(19) SHARON BEN-SHAHAR DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(20) JAMIE BRODER DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(21) CARY G. BURCH DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(22) RICHARD J. BURDGE, JR. DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(23) DR. YING CHEN DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(24) MORGAN CHU DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(25) PHILIP E. COOK DIRECTOR	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
1 b Sub-total							0.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							979,500.	0.	74,691.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							979,500.	0.	74,691.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **9**

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person

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 Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
PUBLIC INTEREST CENTER PROJECT, LLC 610 S. ARDMORE AVENUE LOS ANGELE	RENT	450,000.

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 **1**

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII ☐

			(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	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a 55,000.				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c 1,960,275.				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e 3,109,833.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 3,326,563.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lns 1a-1f. \$	39,610.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		8,451,671.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		Business Code				
	2 a PROGRAM SERVICE FEES	541100	529,192.	529,192.		
	b ATTORNEYS FEES	541100	189,599.	189,599.		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		718,791.			
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		350,417.			350,417.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less. rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)		99,979.			99,979.
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$1,960,275. of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a 21,579.				
	b Less direct expenses	b 130,327.				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-108,748.			-108,748.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10 a 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				
11 a GAIN ON NMTC TX TERMINATI	900099	1,281,676.			1,281,676.	
b MISCELLANEOUS	900099	67,637.			67,637.	
c GAIN FROM SUBSIDIARY		6,268.			6,268.	
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		1,355,581.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions		10,867,691.	718,791.	0.	1,697,229.	

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).

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

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 United States See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	362,110.	39,902.	242,402.	79,806.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	6,801,136.	6,024,193.	304,303.	472,640.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	187,479.	169,052.	5,998.	12,429.
9 Other employee benefits	545,083.	430,678.	64,430.	49,975.
10 Payroll taxes	558,312.	474,084.	41,303.	42,925.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	44,704.		44,704.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amt, list line 11g expenses on Sch O)	197,210.	108,861.	39,966.	48,383.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	198,989.	168,969.	14,721.	15,299.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	646,078.	548,610.	47,796.	49,672.
17 Travel	128,393.	128,393.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	78,614.	66,754.	5,816.	6,044.
23 Insurance	44,175.	37,511.	3,268.	3,396.
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a PROGRAM LITIGATION	47,034.	47,034.		
b MISCELLANEOUS	40,733.	39,854.		879.
c PUBLIC RELATIONS	40,038.	40,038.		
d DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	33,919.	33,919.		
e All other expenses	67,638.	29,224.		38,414.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	10,021,645.	8,387,076.	814,707.	819,862.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☒ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing	1,247,289.	1	416,945.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	42,183.	2	41,074.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,041,335.	3	1,506,490.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	1,367,986.	4	324,537.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other 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). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	4,489,577.	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	148,663.	9	140,917.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 6,249,883.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 815,965.	277,776.	10c 5,433,918.
	11 Investments — publicly traded securities	3,934,679.	11	5,066,339.
	12 Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11	471,000.	12	508,000.
	13 Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	40,604.	15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	13,061,092.	16	13,438,220.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	560,607.	17	866,916.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	1,817,242.	19	203,928.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other 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 (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,377,849.	26	1,070,844.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	8,755,064.	27	10,127,265.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,928,179.	28	2,240,111.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ 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		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	10,683,243.	33	12,367,376.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	13,061,092.	34	13,438,220.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

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1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	10,867,691.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	10,021,645.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	846,046.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	10,683,243.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	114,035.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	9	724,052.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	12,367,376.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

☐1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other

Yes No

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?

2a X

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

2b X

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

c If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

2c X

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

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?

3a X

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

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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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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.
- a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III — Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III — Non-functionally integrated
- 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
11 g (i)		
11 g (ii)		
11 g (iii)		

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in 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 monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	6,624,790.	6,444,868.	6,405,319.	9,300,993.	8,382,118.	37,158,088.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	6,624,790.	6,444,868.	6,405,319.	9,300,993.	8,382,118.	37,158,088.
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)						286,862.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						36,871,226.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	6,624,790.	6,444,868.	6,405,319.	9,300,993.	8,382,118.	37,158,088.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	400,263.	406,230.	390,657.	365,067.	350,417.	1,912,634.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets. (Explain in Part IV.) SEE PART IV	-30,590.	-24,720.	-20,527.	19,966.	1,355,581.	1,299,710.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						40,370,432.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	0.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	91.33 %
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	94.57 %
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2012. 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. ▶ ☒		
b 33-1/3% support test – 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions. ▶ ☐		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I 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) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
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.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
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, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐**b 33-1/3% support tests – 2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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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

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Employer identification number

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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 ▶ \$ 0.
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ 0.
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4 a 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)				

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

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 (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

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												
1 a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		863.													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		23,442.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		24,305.	0.												
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		9,997,340.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		10,021,645.	0.												
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		651,082.													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <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> </tbody> </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)		162,771.	0.												
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.	0.												
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.	0.												
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			☐ Yes ☐ No												

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2 a Lobbying non-taxable amount	555,748.	582,267.	625,827.	651,082.	2,414,924.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					3,622,386.
c Total lobbying expenditures	15,017.	14,754.	34,392.	24,305.	88,468.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	138,937.	145,567.	156,457.	162,771.	603,732.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					905,598.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	3,352.	1,240.	677.	863.	6,132.

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

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)).

For each 'Yes' response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

	(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?			
j Total. Add 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?		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered 'No' OR (b) 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, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)	☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements.	2 a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2 b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2 c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2 d

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 In Part XIII, 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.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

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

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

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

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

a ☐ Public exhibition

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other _____

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

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

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.

1 a 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 XIII and complete the following table.

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1 c	
1 d	
1 e	
1 f	

2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

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

	(a) Current	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years	(d) Three years	(e) Four years
1 a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %

b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ _____ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3 a 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 XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land		2,864,021.		2,864,021.
b Buildings		2,709,118.	575,184.	2,133,934.
c Leasehold improvements		464,323.	90,270.	374,053.
d Equipment		212,421.	150,511.	61,910.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				5,433,918.

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2012

Part VII Investments – Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12. N/A

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) -----		
(B) -----		
(C) -----		
(D) -----		
(E) -----		
(F) -----		
(G) -----		
(H) -----		
(I) -----		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13. N/A

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15. N/A

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15.) ▶	

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII **SEE PART XIII** ☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return N/A

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 XIII)

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 XIII)

4b

c Add lines 4a and 4b

4c

5 Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)

5

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return N/A

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 XIII)

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 XIII)

4b

c Add lines 4a and 4b

4c

5 Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)

5

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

PART X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE

PUBLIC COUNSEL HAS EVALUATED ITS TAX POSITIONS PURSUANT TO FIN 48 AND DETERMINED

THAT IT HAS NOT TAKEN ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO

OR DISCLOSURE IN ITS AUGUST 31, 2013, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 17
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

- b** If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 DOUGLAS DINNER (event type)	(b) Event #2 RUN FOR JUSTIC (event type)	(c) Other events 2 (total number)	(d) Total events (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts	1,791,120.	100,105.	90,629.	1,981,854.
	2 Less Charitable contributions	1,791,120.	93,526.	75,629.	1,960,275.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)		6,579.	15,000.	21,579.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes	39,610.			39,610.
	6 Rent/facility costs		5,579.	15,000.	20,579.
	7 Food and beverages		1,000.		1,000.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	35,481.	8,895.	24,762.	69,138.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				130,327.
	11 Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				-108,748.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
DIRECT EXPENSES	6 Volunteer labor	Yes _____ % No _____ %	Yes _____ % No _____ %	Yes _____ % No _____ %	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column (d) and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'No,' explain _____

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain. _____

- 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in.
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records.

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE G - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE DOUGLAS DINNER FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE 2012-2013 YEAR WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2013. BECAUSE THE EVENT OCCURRED AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE TAX YEAR, NOT ALL REVENUE FROM THIS EVENT IS REPORTED IN THIS TAX PERIOD. A PORTION OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THIS EVENT AND A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECT EXPENSES FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE REPORTED IN THE RETURN FOR THE FYE AUGUST 31, 2014 TAX YEAR.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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Compensation Information

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

- **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
► **Attach to Form 990.** ► **See separate instructions.**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

- 1 a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

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

- b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If 'No,' complete Part III to explain

- 2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

- 3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☒ Compensation committee | ☒ Written employment contract |
| ☐ Independent compensation consultant | ☒ Compensation survey or study |
| ☐ Form 990 of other organizations | ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee |

- 4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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

Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

- 5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?

- b** Any related organization?

If 'Yes' to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

- 6** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?

- b** Any related organization?

If 'Yes' to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

- 7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III.

- 8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III.

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

	Yes	No
1 a		
1 b		
2		
3		
4 a		X
4 b		X
4 c		X
5 a		X
5 b		X
6 a		X
6 b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2012

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable columns (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus and incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 HERNAN D. VERA PRESIDENT & CEO	(i) 189,063. (ii) 0.	(i) 0. (ii) 0.	(iii) 0. (ii) 0.	(C) 7,534. (ii) 0.	(D) 1,337. (ii) 0.	(E) 197,934. (ii) 0.	(F) 0. (ii) 0.
2 PAUL L. FREESE, JR VICE PRESIDENT	(i) 148,894. (ii) 0.	(i) 0. (ii) 0.	(iii) 0. (ii) 0.	(C) 6,075. (ii) 0.	(D) 552. (ii) 0.	(E) 155,521. (ii) 0.	(F) 0. (ii) 0.
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Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Area with horizontal dashed lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

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

► Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art – Works of art				
2 Art – Historical treasures				
3 Art – Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities – Publicly traded				
10 Securities – Closely held stock				
11 Securities – Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities – Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution – Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution – Other				
15 Real estate – Residential				
16 Real estate – Commercial				
17 Real estate – Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (AUCTION ITEMS _____)	X	148	39,610.	RETAIL
26 Other ► (LEGAL HOURS _____)	X	125,000	0.	
27 Other ► (_____)				
28 Other ► (_____)				

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

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If 'Yes,' describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If 'Yes,' describe in Part II.

SEE PART II

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

SEE PART II

	Yes	No
30 a		X
31	X	
32 a	X	

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2012

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 32 - HIRE AND USE OF THIRD PARTIES

A NON-CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SERVICE (KNOCKOUT PRODUCTIONS) PROVIDED SOLICITATION OF MEMORABILIA, HOTEL STAYS, WINES, ART WORK AND OTHER UNIQUE ITEMS FOR FUNDRAISING AUCTIONS.

KNOCKOUT PRODUCTIONS NOT ONLY PROVIDED PUBLIC COUNSEL WITH UNIQUE AUCTION ITEMS, BUT THEY ALSO CATALOGUED AND STORED THE ITEMS, CREATED BID SHEETS AND DESCRIPTIONS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING OPENING BIDS AND MINIMUM RAISES FOR THE ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THEY PROVIDED A STAFF OF 6 PEOPLE TO SET-UP AND HANDLE THE SILENT AUCTION ON THE EVENING OF THE EVENT AS WELL AS ITEM DISTRIBUTION.

PART II, LINE 33 - REVENUE NOT REPORTED IN COLUMN C

PUBLIC COUNSEL RECEIVED FREE ACCESS TO TWO ONLINE LEGAL SERVICES. PUBLIC COUNSEL ALSO RECEIVED FREE EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES AND FREE OR DISCOUNTED COURT FILING, RESEARCH AND PROCESS SERVICES. NO VALUE WAS REPORTED FOR THESE NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS AS DONATED SERVICES ARE NOT REPORTED FOR FORM 990 PURPOSES.

SCHEDULE M - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING \$39,610, REPORTED ON SCHEDULE M, LINE 25, WERE COMPRISED OF 148 SILENT AUCTION ITEMS.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION MISSION

PUBLIC COUNSEL IS THE NATION'S LARGEST PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FIRM SPECIALIZING IN
DELIVERING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. FOUNDED IN 1970,
PUBLIC COUNSEL STRIVES TO ACHIEVE THREE MAIN GOALS: PROTECTING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF
DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN; REPRESENTING IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE BEEN THE VICTIMS OF
TORTURE, PERSECUTION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TRAFFICKING, AND OTHER CRIMES; AND
FOSTERING ECONOMIC JUSTICE BY PROVIDING INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS IN UNDERSERVED
COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS TO QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THROUGH A PRO BONO MODEL
THAT LEVERAGES THE TALENTS AND DEDICATION OF THOUSANDS OF ATTORNEY AND LAW STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS, PUBLIC COUNSEL DELIVERS FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME
CLIENTS AND ADDRESSES SYSTEMIC POVERTY AND CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES THROUGH IMPACT
LITIGATION AND POLICY ADVOCACY.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STAFF ATTORNEYS AND INTAKE COORDINATORS
PARTNER WITH VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS AND LAW STUDENTS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER
OF HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY BY FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE AT
HIGH RISK OF ENDING UP HOMELESS OR BECOMING CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. WE PROVIDE
ADVOCACY AND ADVICE TO IMPOVERISHED, HUNGRY AND HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO HELP THEM
SECURE SHELTER, FOOD, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES. FOCUSED LEGAL
CLINICS IN PARTS OF THE COUNTY WHERE FAMILIES ARE AT GREATER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
PROVIDE DIRECT ADVOCACY SERVICES TO AT-RISK FAMILIES TO ENABLE THEM TO ACCESS CASH
AID, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL BENEFITS. WE ALSO PROVIDE EVICTION
DEFENSE REPRESENTATION AND CONDUCT WALK-IN CLINICS FOR HOMELESS AND AT-RISK YOUTH.
OUR HOMELESS COURT PROGRAM ASSISTS FORMERLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMPLETED
A REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION TO INDIVIDUALS SEEKING ASYLUM ON THE BASIS OF PERSECUTION DUE TO NATIONALITY, RACE, RELIGION, POLITICAL OPINION OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP. PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ALSO REPRESENT VICTIMS OF SERIOUS CRIMES WHO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS THROUGH COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AND ABUSED, ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF STATE DEPENDENCY, DELINQUENCY AND PROBATE COURTS WHO CANNOT REUNIFY WITH THEIR PARENT/S, AS WELL AS IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE AT THE HAND OF CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT SPOUSES. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ALSO PROVIDE ADVICE AND EDUCATION TO IMMIGRANTS IN DETENTION AND LOW-COST REPRESENTATION TO IMMIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY AS CHILDREN AND MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES DESCRIPTION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL AND CAPACITY BUILDING SERVICES (INCLUDING TRANSACTIONAL LEGAL SERVICES SUCH AS CONTRACTS, TAX AND CORPORATE COMPLIANCE, EMPLOYMENT LAW AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, LAND USE, AND FORMATION OF NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS) FOR NONPROFITS THAT ASSIST LOWER INCOME PEOPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND LOW INCOME ENTREPRENEURS LOCATED IN, AND EMPLOYING RESIDENTS OF, LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO CARE FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN. OUR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, PRESERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT USES ADVOCACY, LITIGATION AND LAND USE TOOLS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOWER INCOME PERSONS. OUR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION LAW UNIT WORKS TO SUPPORT GREATER ACCESS TO QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION BY HELPING TO EXPAND CHILD CARE CENTERS, PROVIDING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO WANT TO START A CHILDCARE BUSINESS, AND WORKING WITH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES DESCRIPTION**AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE.**

CONSUMER LAW: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF ATTORNEYS AND VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE DIRECT LEGAL

REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT CLIENTS IN CONSUMER LAW MATTERS INCLUDING HOMEOWNERS

DEFRAUDED BY HOME EQUITY SCAM ARTISTS, PREDATORY LENDERS AND FORECLOSURE

CONSULTANTS; VICTIMS OF CAR SCAMS AND DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES SCAMS; AND DEBTORS

SUFFERING FROM COLLECTION AGENCY HARRASSMENT. PUBLIC COUNSEL'S DEBTOR ASSISTANCE

PROJECT (DAP) PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME DEBTORS CONFRONTING VARIOUS

LEGAL BANKRUPTCY ISSUES AND CONCERNS, AND OPERATES A BANKRUPTCY SELF HELP CENTER AND

CLINIC AT THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

APPELLATE LAW: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF ATTORNEYS PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AT A SELF-HELP

CLINIC TO UNREPRESENTED, INDIGENT LITIGANTS WITH CIVIL MATTERS PENDING IN THE

APPELLATE COURTS, AND PLACE SELECTED CIVIL APPELLATE MATTERS WITH PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

FOR REPRESENTATION. PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ALSO OPERATE A SELF-HELP

CLINIC FOR UNREPRESENTED INDIGENT LITIGANTS IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT AND PLACE

CASES WITH PRO BONO ATTORNEYS.

VETERANS BENEFITS: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S VETERANS PROJECT WORKS TO OVERCOME HOMELESSNESS,

POVERTY, AND LOSS OF QUALITY OF LIFE AMONG VETERANS. PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO VETERANS TO HELP THEM SECURE GOVERNMENT

BENEFITS AND OVERCOME BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE AND/OR

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS REPRESENT VETERANS IN

STATE COURTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE UNITED STATES COURT OF

APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES DESCRIPTION

IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT BUILDS ON PUBLIC COUNSEL'S LONGSTANDING ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMUNITY PRACTICE. THE IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT BRINGS SUIT IN FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS TO CHALLENGE SYSTEMIC AND RECURRING DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THAT AFFECT LOW INCOME PERSONS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE LAWSUITS THIS PROJECT INITIATES NECESSARILY AFFECT LARGE GROUPS WITHIN PUBLIC COUNSEL'S SERVICE FOCUS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 6 - EXPLANATION OF CLASSES OF MEMBERS OR SHAREHOLDER

PUBLIC COUNSEL HAS TWO MEMBERS: THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (LACBA) AND THE BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION (BHBA).

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A - HOW MEMBERS OR SHAREHOLDERS ELECT GOVERNING BODY

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S BYLAWS PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED BOARD MEMBERS IS 100. LACBA HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT 17 AND BHBA HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT 8 OF PUBLIC COUNSEL'S BOARD MEMBERS, WITH EACH SUCH APPOINTED MEMBER SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN INDEPENDENT CPA, REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY MANAGEMENT AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND SUBMITTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL. A COPY OF THE FINAL FORM 990 IS THEN SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO IT BEING FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - EXPLANATION OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS

A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS FURNISHED ANNUALLY TO EACH DIRECTOR, OFFICER, AND KEY EMPLOYEE. THE FORMS ARE REVIEWED AND SIGNED WITH ANY CONFLICTS NOTED AND RETURNED TO A STAFF MEMBER WHO HANDLES BOARD AFFAIRS.

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS - OFFICERS & KEY EMPLOYEES

THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S CEO, OTHER COMPENSATED OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES IS APPROVED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AFTER REVIEW OF A SURVEY OF COMPARABLE SALARIES PAID BY SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS AND ITS DECISIONS ARE CONTEMPORANEOUSLY DOCUMENTED.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO EXECUTIVE STAFF AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. UPON REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PUBLIC COUNSEL WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THESE DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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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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Employer identification number

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) 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
(1) -----					

(2) -----					

(3) -----					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to 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) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to 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 SEE PART VII	(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) Dispropor- tionate 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	
(1) PUBLIC INTEREST 610 SOUTH ARDMOR LOS ANGELES, CA 20-4919847	REAL ESTATE	CA	PUBLIC COU		0.	0.		X	N/A	X		99.00
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Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to 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	(i) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

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 or (iv) rent from a controlled entity**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)**f** Dividends from related organization(s)**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s).**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)**k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)**m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)**n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses**r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)**s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

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-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
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Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

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.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unre- lated, excluded from tax under section 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate 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		Yes	No	
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Part VII Supplemental Information

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

PART III - PARTNERSHIP FULL NAME, ADDRESS, FEIN

PUBLIC INTEREST CENTER PROJECT LLC 20-4919847 610 SOUTH ARDMORE AVENUE

LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME

NATURE AND SOURCE	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 45,165.	\$ 79,318.	\$ 36,053.	\$ 34,067.	\$ 27,374.
RENTS	1,000.	2,100.	100.	250.	200.
LOSS FROM SUBSIDIARY	-87,024.	-61,452.	-56,680.	-59,037.	-58,164.
GAIN FROM NMTC TX TERMINATION	1,396,440.				
TOTAL	<u>\$1,355,581.</u>	<u>\$ 19,966.</u>	<u>\$ -20,527.</u>	<u>\$ -24,720.</u>	<u>\$ -30,590.</u>

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SCHEDULE O - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES

CONSOLIDATION ELIMINATIONS - NMTC TX TERMINATION

	\$	724,052.
TOTAL	\$	<u>724,052.</u>

**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **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***Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions**

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions	Employer identification number (EIN) or
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	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions	Social security number (SSN)
	610 S. ARDMORE AVENUE	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions	
	LOS ANGELES, CA 90005	

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 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	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 ► SHARI BARTZ-C/O PUBLIC COUNSEL

Telephone No ► 213-385-2977FAX No ► 213-385-9089

- 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 4/15, 20 14, 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 9/01, 20 12, and ending 8/31, 20 13

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.