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Form **990-PF**

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2014 or tax year beginning **07/01/14**, and ending **06/30/15**

Name of foundation PAUL SIMONS FOUNDATION, INC.		A Employer identification number 13-3937693
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 200 HARBOR ROAD		B Telephone number (see instructions) 631-689-0619
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code STONY BROOK NY 11790		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☒ Amended return ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 44,901,798	J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____	
F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐		

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	1,985,000			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,985,000	0	0	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule) Stmt 1	900			900
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) Stmt 2	750			750
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (att sch)				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,650	0	0	1,650
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,985,000			1,985,000	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,986,650	0	0	1,986,650	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-1,650				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0		

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	1,476,044	174,394	174,394
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments – U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule) See Stmt 3	44,915,424	49,727,404	44,727,404
	c	Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11	Investments – land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch) ▶			
	12	Investments – mortgage loans			
	13	Investments – other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch) ▶			
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	46,391,468	49,901,798	44,901,798
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,650	1,650	
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	1,650	1,650	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. ▶ ☒			
	24	Unrestricted	46,389,818	49,900,148	
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ ☐			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	46,389,818	49,900,148	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	46,391,468	49,901,798	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year – Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	46,389,818
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-1,650
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Statement 4	3	3,511,980
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	49,900,148
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) – Part II, column (b), line 30	6	49,900,148

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P – Purchase D – Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a N/A				
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2013	1,351,650	44,512,771	0.030365
2012	2,131,650	39,825,216	0.053525
2011	988,050	31,912,030	0.030962
2010	1,729	27,279,727	0.000063
2009	11,584,994	19,431,439	0.596198

2 Total of line 1, column (d)**2** 0.711113**3** Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period – divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years**3** 0.142223**4** Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2014 from Part X, line 5**4** 48,730,472**5** Multiply line 4 by line 3**5** 6,930,594**6** Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)**6****7** Add lines 5 and 6**7** 6,930,594**8** Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4**8** 1,986,650

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	0
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2014 estimated tax payments and 2013 overpayment credited to 2014	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	N/A	
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year. (1) On the foundation ☐ \$ (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	N/A	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	N/A	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ NY		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2014 or the taxable year beginning in 2014 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV	X	
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	X	

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ► KATHARINE GRIFFITHS 200 HARBOR ROAD Located at ► STONY BROOK NY	Telephone no. ► 631-689-0619 ZIP+4 ► 11790		
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 – Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15	► ☐	
16	At any time during calendar year 2014, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, (formerly TD F 90-22.1) If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here N/A ☐	1b	
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014? N/A	1c	
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)).		
a	At the end of tax year 2014, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2014? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement – see instructions) N/A	2b	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2014 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2014.) N/A	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?	4b	X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to			
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)	☐ Yes	☒ No	
	(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?	N/A		5b
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	☐		
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No		
	If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			6b
	If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870			X
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	☐ Yes	☒ No	
b	If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	N/A		7b

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Statement 6				

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 – see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

0

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AVALON PARK & PRESERVE FOR THE COMMUNITIES USE.	1,986,650
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	49,297,753
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	174,807
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	49,472,560
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	49,472,560
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	742,088
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	48,730,472
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	2,436,524

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☒ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2014 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2014. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. – total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	1,986,650
b	Program-related investments – total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	1,986,650
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	1,986,650

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2013	(c) 2013	(d) 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2014				
a Enter amount for 2013 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:				
a From 2009				
b From 2010				
c From 2011				
d From 2012				
e From 2013				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2014 from Part XII, line 4: \$ 1,986,650				
a Applied to 2013, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required – see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required – see instructions)				
d Applied to 2014 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	1,986,650			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2014 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	1,986,650			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount – see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2013 Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount – see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2009 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2010				
b Excess from 2011				
c Excess from 2012				
d Excess from 2013				
e Excess from 2014				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2014, enter the date of the ruling **N/A**

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☒ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Prior 3 years				(e) Total
	(a) 2014	(b) 2013	(c) 2012	(d) 2011	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	0				0
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	1,986,650	1,351,650	2,131,650	988,050	6,458,000
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c	1,986,650	1,351,650	2,131,650	988,050	6,458,000
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test – enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test – enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed	1,624,349	1,483,759	1,327,507	1,063,735	5,499,350
c "Support" alternative test – enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year – see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2))
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b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
N/A

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed
N/A

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include
N/A

c Any submission deadlines
N/A

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors
N/A

Part XV **Supplementary Information (continued)**

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient		If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)					
a Paid during the year AVALON PARK & PRESERVE INC. 200 HARBOR ROAD STONY BROOK NY 11790		MAINTAINING PARK FOR COMMUNITY			1,985,000
Total					▶ 3a 1,985,000
b Approved for future payment N/A					
Total					▶ 3b

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1	Program service revenue.					
a	_____					
b	_____					
c	_____					
d	_____					
e	_____					
f	_____					
g	Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2	Membership dues and assessments					
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4	Dividends and interest from securities					
5	Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a	Debt-financed property					
b	Not debt-financed property					
6	Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7	Other investment income					
8	Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9	Net income or (loss) from special events					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11	Other revenue: a _____					
b	_____					
c	_____					
d	_____					
e	_____					
12	Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0		0	0
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

[illegible]

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No 1545-0047

2014

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
PAUL SIMONS FOUNDATION, INC.	13-3937693

Organization type (check one).

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2014)

Name of organization PAUL SIMONS FOUNDATION, INC.	Employer identification number 13-3937693
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	JAMES H. SIMONS 1060 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10128	\$ 1,985,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

Federal Statements

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Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
WILLIAM J. LILLY CPA PC	\$ 900	\$	\$	\$ 900
Total	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 900

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
NYS CHARITIES TAXES	\$ 750	\$	\$	\$ 750
Total	\$ 750	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 750

Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10b - Corporate Stock Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS	\$ 44,915,424	\$ 49,727,404	Market	\$ 44,727,404
Total	\$ 44,915,424	\$ 49,727,404		\$ 44,727,404

Federal Statements**Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part III, Line 3 - Other Increases**

Description	Amount
Unrealized Gains on Investments	\$ 3,511,980
Total	\$ 3,511,980

Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part VII-A, Line 10 - Substantial Contributors

Name	Address	City, State, Zip
JAMES SIMONS	1060 FIFTH AVE	NEW YORK NY 10128

Statement 6 - Form 990-PF, Part VIII, Line 1 - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.

Name and Address	Title	Average Hours	Compensation	Benefits	Expenses
JAMES H. SIMONS 1060 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK NY 10128	PRESIDENT	0.00	0	0	0
MARILYN SIMONS 1060 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK NY 10128	SECRETARY	0.00	0	0	0
ELIZABETH SIMONS 1060 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK NY 10128	DIRECTOR	0.00	0	0	0
NATHANIEL SIMONS PIER 5 THE EMBARCADERO SAN FRANCISCO CA 94111	DIRECTOR	0.00	0	0	0
KATHARINE GRIFFITHS 200 HARBOR ROAD STONY BROOK NY 11790	ASST. SEC.	0.00	0	0	0

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Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 1a - Managers Who Contributed Over 2% or \$5,000

<u>Name of Manager</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JAMES H. SIMONS	\$ <u> </u>
Total	\$ <u> </u> 0

Reasonable Cause Statement

The Paul Simons Foundation, Inc. ("Taxpayer") is a private foundation with the principal purpose of maintaining a park and nature preserve open to the public in Stony Brook, NY.

On or about July 25, 2014, Taxpayer invested \$1,300,00.00 in Blackstone Partners Offshore Fund Ltd (the "Fund"). The Fund is managed by Blackstone Alternative Asset management L.P. ("Blackstone"), located in New York, New York. The transfer was made via wire transfer to Citibank, N.A. the Fund's administrator at the time of transfer 's. Citibank, N.A. is also located in New York, New York.

Taxpayer timely filed a Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation for the tax period ending June 30, 2015 ("Tax Year 2014 Form 990"). However, at the time of filing, neither the Taxpayer, nor the Taxpayer's return preparer, were aware of the requirement to file Form 926. Subsequent to filing such return, Taxpayer realized that it may have been required to attach Form 926 to its Tax Year 2014 Form 990-PF. Accordingly, Taxpayer is filing an amended Form 990 which includes a properly completed Form 926.

Form 926 is required to be filed when taxpayers engage in certain transactions with foreign entities. *See* IRC § 6038B; Treas. Reg. § 1.6038B-1. The tax code imposes a penalty for the failure to furnish Form 926, however, such penalty "shall not apply to any failure if [the taxpayer] shows such failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect." IRC § 6038B(c). Here, Taxpayer can clearly show that it had reasonable cause and that its failure to file Form 926 was not due to willful neglect.

First, it was not readily apparent that Taxpayer transferred funds overseas. The Fund is managed by Blackstone in its New York office. Accordingly, communications between Taxpayer and Blackstone occurred between two domestic Parties. Additionally, when the fund transfer was made, Taxpayer was not fully aware that it was transferring funds to a foreign entity. The wire transfer was made via Citibank, N.A. which is another New York institution. Pursuant to the regulations, "reasonable cause and good faith" is evidenced by "an honest misunderstanding of fact or law that is reasonable in light of all of the facts and circumstances, including the experience, knowledge, and education of the taxpayer." Here, neither the Taxpayer nor its employees have extensive experience or knowledge about financial investing. Taxpayer relied on Blackstone to place it into reasonable and appropriate investment options. At the time the investment was made, Taxpayer was not aware that it was entering into a transnational investment. Accordingly, Taxpayer has reasonable cause for its failure to file Form 926 based upon its misunderstanding of the underlying facts of the matter.

Second, Taxpayer relied on its tax preparer in good faith to accurately complete its annual tax return. The Treasury regulations provide that "[r]eliance on . . . professional advice . . . constitutes reasonable cause and good faith if, under all the circumstances, such reliance was reasonable and the taxpayer acted in good faith." Treas. Reg. § 1.6664-4(b)(1). In this matter, Taxpayer provided its tax preparer with all relevant documentation and disclosed all relevant information necessary to prepare its Tax Year 2014 Form 990. Moreover, Taxpayer does not employ individuals with expertise in international taxation. Thus Taxpayer reasonably relied in good faith on the conclusions of its tax preparer in not filing Form 926. *See* Treas. Reg. § 1.6664-4(c)(1) (the taxpayer's education, sophistication and business experience will be relevant in determining whether the taxpayer's reliance on tax advice was reasonable and made in good faith.").

This matter is also highly distinguishable from *United States v. Boyle*, 469 U.S. 241 (1985), which held that a taxpayer has a non-delegable duty to timely file returns. In *Boyle*, the Court noted that “[i]t requires no special training or effort to ascertain a deadline and make sure that it is met.” *Id.* at 252. This matter does not involve a failure to ascertain a deadline. Rather, IRC § 6038B(a)(1)(A) requires taxpayers to know whether a transfer of property is “an exchange described in section 332, 351, 354, 355, 356, or 361” Deciphering such statutory commands clearly requires both special training and experience in the esoteric framework of international corporate tax law. Many tax practitioners focused primarily on domestic or non-corporate tax issues may have difficulties navigating these rules. The average taxpayer cannot be expected to master the intricacies of IRC § 6038B, thus Taxpayer’s reliance on the assistance of a professional tax preparer was eminently reasonable.

Additionally, the required forms for private foundations do not give taxpayers notice that a Form 926 may be required. Private foundations filing Form 990-PF, as opposed to public charities filing Form 990, are not required to file a Schedule F. *Compare* Instructions to Form 990-PF *with* Instructions for Form 990. Preparing a Schedule F to Form 990 would have alerted the Taxpayer to the potential requirement to file Form 926. *See* Schedule F (Form 990) 2014, Part IV, line 1 (“Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If ‘Yes,’ the organization may be required to file Form 926”). However, Schedule F is not an attachment to Form-990-PF, thus Taxpayer was not alerted to the possibility that its activities could result in a Form 926 filing requirement. Accordingly, Taxpayer was not on notice that a Form 926 may have been required and its failure to file such form was reasonable given the circumstances.

Last, assessing a penalty under IRC § 6038B(c) would result in a tremendous hardship for the Taxpayer. Taxpayer is a private foundation solely focused on maintaining a park and nature preserve for the benefit of the public and it does not have unlimited funds achieve this purpose. Assessment of a penalty in this situation would serve no public purpose because Taxpayer is voluntarily amending its tax return to provide the required disclosures. Yet, assessment of the penalty would threaten the local community’s ability to enjoy the public park maintained with Taxpayer’s assets.

As demonstrated above, reasonable cause exists to abate the IRC § 6038B(c) penalty. Penalties exist to encourage voluntary compliance with the tax laws and should generally be proportionate to the infraction they are meant to correct. Here, Taxpayer made a minor error by failing to file an information return and has voluntarily come forward to correct this error. Accordingly, we respectfully request that no IRC § 6038B(c) penalty be assessed in this matter.